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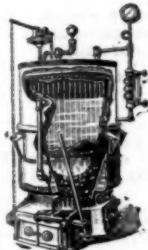
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ARMY NOMINATIONS.—FEB. 20.

Colonel Elwell S. Otis, 20th Inf., Feb. 20, 1893, to be brigadier-general, vice Carr, retired from active service.

G. O. 14, H. Q. A., Feb. 20, 1893.

By direction of the Secretary of War paragraph 1780 of the Regulations is amended to read as follows:

Swords.

1780. For General Officers.—A straight sword, brass or steel scabbard, or a mounted officer's saber; or, upon occasions of ceremony, a dress sword of appropriate pattern.

For Officers of the General Staff.—Same as now worn, according to pattern in Ordnance Department.

For Cavalry Officers.—Saber and scabbard according to pattern in Ordnance Department.

For all Mounted Officers of Artillery.—Light artillery saber according to pattern in the Ordnance Department.

For Mounted Officers of Infantry.—Sword and scabbard of the pattern prescribed for cavalry officers.

For all other Officers.—The straight sword prescribed for officers of the general staff, according to pattern in the Ordnance Department.

The sword and sword-belt will be worn upon all occasions of duty, except stable and fatigue. When not on military duty, officers may wear swords of honor.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:

R. WILLIAMS, Adj.-Gen.

G. O. 5, DEPT. OF THE EAST, Feb. 18, 1893.

Republises for the benefit of the Department of the East article by 1st Lieut. H. C. Hale, 20th Inf., on protection of posts from fire.

Post commanders are urged to carefully study the requirements necessary to secure adequate protection from fire at their respective posts. The suggestions of Lieut. Hale looking to an organization of a sufficient number of men for each kind of work is on a line with the replacing of volunteer fire companies of cities by a trained fire department. These principles can profitably be embodied in post regulations so far as applicable to each case. Post commanders are enjoined to take such action as may be necessary.

G. O. 6, DEPT. OF THE EAST, Feb. 20, 1893.

Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Brock, Assistant Adjutant-General, having reported at these headquarters, in compliance with paragraph 1, Special Orders, No. 292, Headquarters of the Army, A. G. O., December 14, 1892, is announced as Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of the East.

OLIVER O. HOWARD, Maj.-Gen. Comdg.

CORPS AND STAFF DEPARTMENTS.

Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments.

A furlough for one month, with permission to apply for one month's extension, is granted to Post Q. M. Sergt. James R. Gillespie, now at Ft. Missoula, Mont. (S. O., Feb. 17, H. Q. A.)

Medical Department.

Lieut.-Col. Charles C. Byrne, Depy. Surg.-Gen., is detailed as a member of the board of officers appointed to meet at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., on March 1, for the mental and physical examination of appointees to the U. S. Military Academy, vice 1st Lieut. Thomas U. Raymond, Asst. Surg., who is relieved (S. O., Feb. 17, H. Q. A.)

Capt. James A. Finley, Asst. Surg., is, by direction of the President, placed upon the retired list of the Army, to date from Feb. 16, the date of his acceptance of his appointment under the provisions of said act (S. O., Feb. 18, H. Q. A.)

Capt. James C. Merrill, Asst. Surg., will proceed to Philadelphia, Pa., on official business (S. O., Feb. 18, H. Q. A.)

Leave for 14 days, to take effect March 1, is granted Capt. William Fitzhugh Carter, Asst. Surg., Willets Point, N. Y. (S. O. 6, Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

Capt. R. J. Gibson, Asst. Surg., with 1st Lieut. J. E. Wilson, 5th Inf., will proceed to Washington, D. C., on public business. Upon completion of this journey Capt. Gibson will return to his station, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. (S. O. 24, Feb. 20, D. Tex.)

The C. O. Vancouver Barracks, Wash., will grant a furlough for four months, to take effect from May 1, to Hospl. Stwd. John C. Blake (S. O. 24, Feb. 11, D. Cal.)

The C. O. Ft. Clark, Tex., will send Hospl. Stwd. John B. Stewart to Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., for temporary duty (S. O. 22, Feb. 16, D. Texas.)

Pvt. James C. Egan, Hospl. Corps, now on furlough, will be discharged the service of the United States March 17 (S. O., Feb. 18, H. Q. A.)

Pvt. Dana L. Mood, Hospl. Corps, now awaiting orders at Key West Barracks, Fla., is transferred for duty at that post from Washington Barracks, D. C. (S. O., Feb. 18, H. Q. A.)

Pvt. Patrick Lyons, Hospl. Corps, now awaiting orders at Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y., is assigned to duty at that post. Pvt. Matthew McElhinney, Hospl. Corps, now awaiting orders at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., is transferred for duty at that post from Camp Pecos Colorado, Tex. Pvt. Elmer Stewart, Troop D, 1st Cav., now with his troop at Ft. Apache, Ariz. Ty., is transferred to the Hospl. Corps as a private.

Pvt. Joseph Wannamacher, Hospl. Corps, now at Davids Island, N. Y., is transferred to Ft. Riley, Kas. Pvt. Joseph Wiggins, Hospl. Corps, now awaiting orders at Ft. Custer, Mont., is assigned to duty at Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo. Pvt. Harry L. Sinclair, Hospl. Corps, now with his command at West Point, N. Y., having satisfactorily explained to the Department that his true name is Herbert P. Ritter, he will be borne under the latter name on all rolls, etc., after this date. Pvt. William Collier, Bat. I, 31 Art., now with his battery at Ft. McHenry, Md., is transferred to the Hospl. Corps as a private. He will be sent to Davids Island, N. Y. (S. O., Feb. 17, H. Q. A.)

Pvt. Irving A. Hubbard, Co. H, 6th Inf., now with his company at Ft. Thomas, Ky., is transferred to

the Hospl. Corps as a private. Pvt. Charlie Berry, Hospl. Corps, now awaiting orders at Ft. Monroe, Va., is assigned to duty at Mount Vernon Barracks, Ala. (S. O., Feb. 20, H. Q. A.)

So much of Par. 5, S. O. 27, Feb. 8, 1893, H. Q. A., as relates to Pvt. Bartholomew J. McGann, Hospl. Corps, is revoked (S. O., Feb. 20, H. Q. A.)

Hospl. Stwd. Charles L. Smith and Pvt. Camden Redinger and Alfred Schulze, Hospl. Corps, now awaiting orders at Camp Eagle Pass, Tex., are transferred for duty at that post from Fort Clark, Tex. (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

Pvt. Thomas Adams, now at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., is transferred to San Carlos, A. T. (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

Pvt. Harvey McGuire, Hospl. Corps, Ft. Thomas, has been awarded a life-saving medal by the Treasury Department in recognition of his gallantry in saving a comrade from drowning in June of last year.

Pay Department.

Maj. Elijah W. Halford, Paymr., is, upon the request of the Honorable Secretary of State, detailed as disbursing officer on the part of the United States to the Fur Seal Arbitration Tribunal. He will report for duty to the Hon. John W. Foster, agent for the United States, and will proceed to Paris, France, and such other places as may be necessary (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

Engineer and Ordnance Departments.

Leave for six months, to take effect upon being relieved from duty as engineer commissioner, District of Columbia, is granted Capt. William T. Russell, C. E. (S. O., Feb. 17, H. Q. A.)

The following officers of the Corps of Engineers will proceed to Willets Point, N. Y., for the purpose of attending the semi-annual examination of the School of Application: Col. Cyrus B. Comstock and Col. David C. Houston (S. O., Feb. 17, H. Q. A.)

Leave for eight days from March 1 is granted Col. John M. Wilson, C. E., Superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. (S. O., Feb. 18, H. Q. A.)

Leave for one month and ten days, to take effect on or about March 1, is granted Capt. Algernon S. Morgan, Ord. Strkr. (S. O., Feb. 20, H. Q. A.)

Ord. Sergt. Maurice McGrath, now temporarily at Ft. McHenry, Md., will proceed to Ft. Foote, Md., and relieve Ord. Sergt. Albert C. Van Deusen (S. O., Feb. 16, H. Q. A.)

Chaplains.

The following post chaplains will be relieved from duty at the posts where they are now serving, and will report for duty to the commanding officers of the posts indicated opposite their names: Post Chaplain George W. Dunbar, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; Post Chaplain John H. Macomber, Alcatraz Island, Cal. (S. O., Feb. 16, H. Q. A.)

Post Chaplain Patrick J. Hart (recently appointed) will report not later than March 15 to the C. O. Ft. Snelling, Minn., for duty (S. O., Feb. 20, H. Q. A.)

Post Chaplain Charles W. Freeland will be relieved from duty at Ft. Monroe, Va., upon receipt of this order, and will report to the C. O. Ft. Huachuca, A. T., for duty (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel Abraham K. Arnold.

Hdqs. A. B. C. D. E. and K. Ft. Grant; D, Ft. Apache, B and I, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; L, Ft. Custer, Mont.; A, Ft. Myer, Va.; K, San Carlos, Ariz.—Indian troop.

Capt. Herbert K. Tuthery, now on leave, will proceed to Brattleboro, Vt., and report to the Governor of Vermont for temporary duty pertaining to the National Guard of the State (S. O., Feb. 18, H. Q. A.)

Leave for one month is granted Capt. Otto L. Hein (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

2nd Cavalry, Colonel George G. Hunt.

Hdqs. A, C, D, G, H, and L, Ft. Wingate, N. M.; E and K, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; B and I, Ft. Bowie, Ariz.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troop.

Capt. Edward J. McClelland is assigned to special duty in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition, with station in Chicago, Ill. (S. O. 19, Feb. 15, D. Mo.)

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Anson Mills.

Hdqs. A and G, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; D and K, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; E, Ft. Hancock, Tex.; F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; C and I, Ft. Hingolo, Tex.; B, Ft. Brown, Tex.; H, Eagle Pass, Tex. L, Fort Meade, S. D.—Indian troop

1st Lieut. J. T. Dickman will rejoin his troop in the field at Los Angeles, Tex., from San Antonio (S. O. 21, Feb. 13, D. Texas.)

Leave for seven days is granted Capt. G. K. Hunter (S. O. 23, Feb. 18, D. Texas.)

4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hdqs. A, D, H and L, Ft. Walla Walla, Wash.; C, Ft. Bidwell, Cal.; G, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; E, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; F, Boise Bks., Idaho; B, I, and K, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.—Indian troop.

Col. Charles E. Compton, having joined his regiment at Ft. Walla Walla, Wash., will assume command of that post (S. O. 26, Feb. 15, D. Columbia.)

5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hdqs. B, C, E, G, K, and L, Ft. Reno, Okh. T.; D, and H, Ft. Bliss, Okh. T.; A and F, Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troop.

So much of Par. 17, S. O. 4, Jan. 6, 1893, H. Q. A., as directs Capt. Walter S. Schuyler to report, when the 1st lieutenant of his troop shall have joined it, for special duty in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition, is amended so as to direct him to report without delay (S. O., Feb. 20, H. Q. A.)

6th Cavalry, Colonel David S. Gordon.

Hdqs. A, B, F, G, K, and L, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C and E, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; D and I, Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.; B, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.—Indian troop.

2d Lieut. Elmer Lindley is detailed as recruiting officer at Ft. Yellowstone, Wyo., vice 1st Lieut. Barrington K. West, relieved (S. O. 19, Feb. 13, D. Dak.)

The C. O. Jefferson Barracks, Mo., will assign 30 recruits to this regiment, and forward them Feb. 24, under charge of 1st Lieut. John M. Stotsenburg, as follows: 20 to Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; 10 to Ft. Niobrara, Neb., via Fremont and Elkhorn Railway, to Valentine, Neb. (S. O. 37, Feb. 15, Rec. Ser.)

1st Lieut. John M. Stotsenburg, R. Q. M., Ft. Niobrara, Neb., will report at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., by Feb. 23, to conduct a detachment of recruits for this regiment to Ft. McKinney, Wyo. (S. O. 14, Feb. 14, D. Platte.)

8th Cavalry, Colonel Caleb H. Carlton.

Hdqs. A, B, C, D, E, I, and K, Ft. Meade, S. D.; L, Ft. George, Mont.; F and G, Ft. Yates, N. D.; H, Ft. Myer, Va.—Indian troop.

The leave granted Capt. Edmund Luff is extended seven days (S. O., Feb. 16, H. Q. A.)

2nd Artillery, Colonel Richard Loder.

Hdqs. C, G, and M, Ft. Adams, R. I.; K, Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; E, Ft. Preble, Me.; B and D, Ft. Warren, Mass.; A, and F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; I, Ft. Monroe, Va.; H and L, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.—Light battery.

Under G. O. 80, of 1890, H. Q. A., Sergt. John F. Dolan, Bat. L, will be discharged March 11 by the C. O. Ft. Schuyler, N. Y. H. (S. O. 32, Feb. 20, D. East.)

3rd Artillery, Colonel La Rhett L. Livingston.

Hdqs. C, E, K, and L, Washington Bks., D. C.; A and G, Fort Barrancas, Fla.; H, Key West Bks., Fla.; D and I, Ft. McHenry, Md.; B and M, Ft. Monroe, Va.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.—Light battery.

Sergt. Christian F. Wolf, Bat. M, Ft. Monroe, has been awarded a silver life-saving medal by the Treasury Department in recognition of his gallantry on several occasions in saving the lives of persons in danger of drowning.

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdqs. A, C, E, G, I, K, L and M, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; H, Ft. Monroe, Va.; D, Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; B, Ft. Adams, R. I.—Light battery.

So much of Par. 17, S. O. 4, Jan. 6, H. Q. A., as directs 1st Lieut. Stephen M. Foote to report, after the captain of his battery shall have joined it, to the commanding general Dept. of the Missouri, for special duty pertaining to the World's Columbian Exposition, is amended so as to direct him to so report without regard to the time the captain of his battery shall join (S. O., Feb. 16, H. Q. A.)

Leave for one month and ten days, to take effect on or about Feb. 20, is granted 1st Lieut. Stephen M. Foote (S. O., Feb. 16, H. Q. A.)

2d Lieut. Samuel A. Kephart is detailed as counsel for Pvt. Louis Ernst, Mounted Service, before the G. C. M. at Ft. McHenry, Md. (S. O. 31, Feb. 17, D. East.)

1st Lieut. James L. Wilson is detailed for duty pertaining to the World's Columbian Exposition (S. O., Feb. 20, H. Q. A.)

5th Artillery, Colonel William M. Graham.

Hdqs. B, D, F, H, K, and L, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; M, Ft. Mason, Cal.; A and C, Ft. Canby, Wash.; E and I, Alcatraz Island, Cal.; G, Ft. Monroe, Va.—Light battery

1st Lieut. George E. Sage will proceed to Alcatraz Island, Cal., for temporary duty with Bat. I (S. O. 11, Feb. 10, D. Cal.)

1st Lieut. Thomas R. Adams is assigned, to duty with Bat. H (S. O. 11, Feb. 10, D. Cal.)

The leave granted 2d Lieut. Edmund M. Blake is extended two months (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

Par. 1, S. O. 25, Feb. 3, 1893, H. Q. A., detailing 1st Lieut. J. Estcourt Sawyer for temporary duty as instructor of the National Guard of the State of Washington, is, at his own request, revoked (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

1st Infantry, Colonel William E. Shafter.

Hdqs. A, B, D, G, and H, Angel Island, Cal.; C, E and F, San Diego Bks., Cal.

2d Lieut. Frank L. Winn is relieved from duty as a member of the G. C. M. appointed to meet at Angel Island, Cal., and 1st Lt. Frank de L. Carrington, Adj't., is detailed as a member of the court in his place (S. O. 11, Feb. 10, D. Cal.)

Sergt. Gordon B. Snodgrass, Co. B, for sundry neglects of duty and absence without leave, has been mulcted \$15 by sentence of court-martial.

2nd Infantry, Colonel John C. Bates.

Hdqs. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Omaha, Neb.—Indian Company.

The C. O. Ft. Omaha, Neb., will order Sergt.-Maj. Frank E. Bamford, recommended for promotion, to report at Omaha on March 16, for examination by the board of officers convened by Par. 1 of this order (S. O. 14, Feb. 14, D. Platte.)

3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdqs. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I, Ft. Snelling, Minn.—Indian company.

1st Lieut. James H. McRae is relieved from duty as judge advocate of the G. C. M. appointed to meet at Ft. Snelling, Minn., during the trial of Sergt. Peter Dones, Co. H, only, and 1st Lieut. William C. Buttler is appointed judge-advocate of said court for the trial of this case (S. O. 20, Feb. 15, D. Dak.)

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdqs. D and E, St. Francis Bks., Fla.; B and H, Jackson Bks., La.; C and G, Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala.; A, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Capt. Theodore F. Forbes will proceed to New York City and report for assignment to duty at Davids Island, N. Y. H. This detail is made with a view to a tour of duty for two years (S. O., Feb. 18, H. Q. A.)

The C. O. St. Francis Barracks, Fla., will send 1st Sergt. Fred. D. Tillman, Co. E, to Ft. Adams, R. I., to give testimony before a court-martial (S. O. 32, Feb. 20, D. East.)

7th Infantry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam.

Hdqs. A, B, C, D, E and F, Ft. Logan, Colo.; G, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

1st Lieut. George W. McIver, is, at his own request, relieved from duty at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., to take effect June 15, and will then proceed to join his company (S. O., Feb. 16, H. Q. A.)

The C. O. Ft. Logan, Colo., will send Sergt. Joseph R. Binns, Co. D, recommended for promotion, to report for examination by the board of officers convened at Omaha (S. O. 14, Feb. 14, D. Platte.)

The extension of leave granted Capt. Constant Williams is further extended one month (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

8th Infantry, Colonel James J. Van Horn.

Hdqs. A, E, and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; C and G, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; F and I, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; B and D, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.—Indian company.

1st Lieut. Robert F. Ames is detailed for duty per

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The C. O. Columbus Barracks, Ohio, will assign recruits to this regiment, and forward them Monday, Feb. 20, under charge of 1st Lieut. John J. Haden, to the points hereinafter indicated: 30 to Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; 20 to Ft. Niobrara, Neb. (S. O. 37, Feb. 15, Rec. Ser.)

1st Lieut. John J. Haden, Ft. Robinson, Neb., will report at Columbus Barracks, O., by Feb. 19, to conduct a detachment of recruits for this regiment to Ft. McKinney, Wyo. (S. O. 14, Feb. 14, D. Platte.)

9th Infantry, Colonel Charles G. Bartlett.
Hdqs. B, C, D, E, F and G, Madison Bks., N. Y.; H, Plattsburgh Bks., A, Fort Ontario, N. Y.

Leave for ten days, to commence about Feb. 28, is granted 2d Lieut. Wm. G. Elliot (S. O. 34, Feb. 23, D. East.)

12th Infantry, Colonel Edwin F. Townsend.
Hdqs. E, G and G, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; A, F and H, Ft. Yates, N. D.; B, C, D, Ft. Sully, S. D.; I, Ft. McKean, Ala. Indian company.

The operation of Par. 11, S. O. 24, Jan. 2, 1893, H. Q. A., directing the transfer of 2d Lieut. William M. Wood from Co. A to Co. I is suspended until further orders (S. O., Feb. 16, H. Q. A.)

2d Lieut. Earl C. Caraban will report to the C. O. of the U. S. Infantry and Cavalry School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., on March 1, for preliminary instruction preparatory to his detail as a student officer of the school (S. O., Feb. 18, H. Q. A.)

The leave granted Col. Edwin F. Townsend is extended five days (S. O. 20, Feb. 16, D. Mo.)

Leave for one month, to take effect on or about Feb. 26, is granted 1st Lieut. Frederick Von Schrader (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

Par. 11, S. O. 24, Feb. 2, 1893, H. Q. A., which directs the transfer of 2d Lieut. William M. Wood from Co. A to Co. I, and which was suspended until further orders, is revoked (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

13th Infantry, Colonel Montgomery Bryant.
Hdqs. C, D, and G, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.; A, Fort Reno, I. T.; B, E and H, Ft. Supply, I. T.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Leave for two months, in extension of the sick leave granted him, is granted 2d Lieut. Joseph C. Fox (S. O., Feb. 16, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. Charles S. Hall is relieved from further duty at Ft. Supply, I. T., and will proceed to Ft. Sill, O. T., with a view to his being appointed Regimental Quartermaster. 1st Lieut. Hall is relieved from duty as judge-advocate of the G. C. M. convened at Ft. Supply, I. T. (S. O. 20, Feb. 16, D. Mo.)

1st Lieut. Abraham P. Buffington is relieved from duty as a member of the G. C. M. convened at Ft. Supply, I. T., and detailed as judge-advocate of the same court (S. O. 20, Feb. 16, D. Mo.)

14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.
Hdqs. A, B, C, D, E, and G, Vancouver Bks. Wash.; F, Ft. Townsend, Wash.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Capt. Frank Taylor will proceed to Seattle, Wash., for duty as recruiting officer in that city, relieving 1st Lieut. William F. Goodwin. Lieut. Goodwin will join his regiment at Vancouver Barracks (S. O. 25, Feb. 13, D. Columbia.)

16th Infantry, Colonel Matthew M. Blunt.
Hdqs. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Douglas, Utah Indian company.

1st Lieut. William Lassiter, recruiting officer, Knoxville, Tenn., will visit the temporary branch rendezvous at Greenville, Tenn., Feb. 24 (S. O. 38, Feb. 17, Rec. Ser.)

17th Infantry, Colonel John S. Poland.
Hdqs. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. D. Russell, Wyo.

Col. J. S. Poland, in an official order announcing the promotion of 1st Lieut. Geo. H. Roach, Regimental Quartermaster, to captain, and thus severing his connection with the regimental staff, says:

"In announcing the above to the regiment, the colonel commanding desires to convey to Capt. Roach an expression of the high opinion he entertains of the energy, zeal, intelligence and efficiency which he has applied to the discharge of his duties as Regimental Quartermaster of the 17th Infantry and Post and Acting Assistant Quartermaster of this post. In a long Army experience the colonel commanding has never met a more energetic and efficient officer in that department, and during a personal knowledge of nearly twenty years he has never known Capt. Roach to be found wanting in capacity as a soldier or administrative officer." 1st Lieut. J. L. Drulien has been appointed his successor as R. Q. M.

18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Laselle.
Hdqs. A, B, C, D, G and H, Ft. Clark, Tex.; E, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; F, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.

Lieut.-Col. J. Ford Kent, Act. Insp.-Gen., will proceed on inspection service to Duluth, Minn. (S. O. 19, Feb. 13, D. Dak.)

Lieut.-Col. J. Ford Kent, Act. Insp.-Gen., will proceed on inspection service to Ft. Snelling, Minn. (S. O. 21, Feb. 17, D. Dak.)

19th Infantry, Colonel Simon Snyder.
Hdqs. A, E, G, and H, Ft. Wayne, Mich.; B, D and F, Ft. Brady, Mich.; C, Ft. Mackinac, Mich.

Capt. Alexander H. M. Taylor, having been found by an Army retiring board incapacitated for active service, will proceed to his home (S. O., Feb. 17, H. Q. A.)

20th Infantry, Colonel Elwell S. Otis.
Hdqs. A, B, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; C and I, Camp Poplar River, Mont.—Indian company.

2d Lieut. Wilson Chase will report to the C. O. of the U. S. Infantry and Cavalry School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., on March 1, for preliminary instruction preparatory to his detail as a student officer of the school (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

21st Infantry, Colonel Horace Jewett.
Hdqs. A, C, and E, Ft. Niagara, N. Y.; B and H, Ft. Porter, N. Y.; D, F, G, and I, Fort Sidney, Neb.—Indian company.

The following transfers are made: Capt. Ebenezer W. Stone, from Co. K to Co. F; Capt. Willis Wittich, from Co. F to Co. K (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Swaine.
Hdqs. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; I, Ft. Yates, N. D.; E, Fort Pembina, N. D.—Indian company.

Capt. Hiram H. Ketchem, now on leave in Washington, D. C., will proceed to New York City, for assignment to duty in the office of the Assistant Adjutant-General at the headquarters of the recruiting service (S. O., Feb. 18, H. Q. A.)

(For Late Army Orders see Page 450.)

Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Ft. Bayard, N. M., Feb. 17, Detail: Lieut.-Col. David D. Vanvalzah, Capt. James M. Morgan, Alfred C. Markley, John L. Bullis, Charles J. Crane, 24th Inf.; Capt. John Fisher, 1st Cav.; 1st Lieut. Philip G. Wales, Asst. Surg.; 2d Lieut. Henry C. Keene, Jr., Isaac C. Jenks, 24th Inf., and 2d Lieut. William J. Glasgow, 1st Cav., J. A. (S. O. 21, Feb. 15, D. Ariz.)

At Ft. Wingate, N. M., Feb. 20, Detail: Maj. William A. Rafferty, Capt. James N. Wheeler, 21 Cav.; Capt. John Drum, 10th Inf.; Capt. Frank U. Robinson, 1st Lieut. Thomas J. Lewis, 24 Cav.; 1st Lieut. Francis A. Winter, Asst. Surg.; 2d Lieut. David L. Brainard, Edwin M. Supice, 24 Cav.; 2d Lieut. Charles Crawford, 10th Inf.; 2d Lieut. Ralph Harrison, Cornelius C. Smith, 24 Cav., and 1st Lieut. Robert E. L. Michie, 24 Cav., J. A. (S. O. 23, Feb. 14, D. Ariz.)

At Ft. D. Russell, Wyo., Feb. 20, Detail: Maj. Harry C. Ebert, Capt. Clarence E. Bennett, William M. Van Horne, Cyrus S. Roberts, William P. Rogers, Daniel H. Brush, 1st Lieut. Edward Chynoweth, 21 Lieut. Lucius L. Durfee, Henry G. Lyon, Joseph L. Donovan, Benjamin F. Hardaway, Donald M. Michie, William D. Davis, 17th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Charles St. J. Chubb, 17th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 15, Feb. 15, D. Platte.)

At Fort Bliss, Texas, March 23, Detail: Major Jas. Henton, 23d Inf.; Capt. D. M. Appel, Asst. Surg., and E. B. Pratt, 23d Inf.; 1st Lieut. A. Dyer and R. Stevens and 2d Lieut. J. E. Normovie, 23d Inf., and 2d Lieut. H. N. Royden, 23d Inf., J. A. (S. O. 24, Feb. 20, D. Tex.)

Examinations for Promotion.

A board of officers will assemble at Hdqs. Dept. of the Platte on March 16 for the preliminary examination of such enlisted men for promotion as may be duly recommended for promotion to the grade of 2d Lieutenant. Detail: Col. John S. Poland, 17th Inf.; Lieut.-Col. Dallas Bache, 2d Cav.; Gen. Maj. Henry McEldey, Surg.; Capt. P. Henry Riv, 8th Inf., and Capt. John S. Guilfoyle, 9th Cav. (S. O. 14, Feb. 14, D. Platte.)

Indian Agents.

1st Lieut. Louis P. Brant, 1st Inf., is relieved from duty as Indian agent at the Round Valley Indian Agency, Cal., and will join his company.

1st Lieut. Thomas Connolly, 1st Inf., is designated to perform and execute the duties of Indian agent at the Valley Indian Agency, Cal. Lieut. Connolly will be relieved from his present duties and will proceed to, and take charge of, said agency, receiving to the person now in charge thereof for all public property in his charge. Lieut. Connolly will perform these duties under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to whom he will report by letter for instructions (S. O., Feb. 30, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. Edward H. Plummer, 10th Inf., is designated to perform and execute the duties of Indian agent at the Navajo Agency, N. M. Lieut. Plummer will perform these duties under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to whom he will report by letter for instructions (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

Detail for World's Fair.

The following officers are detailed for duty pertaining to the World's Columbian Exposition: Capt. Chas. J. Crane, 24th Inf., and John Pitzer, 1st Cav.; 1st Lieut. Clermont L. Best, Jr., 1st Art., and 2d Lieut. Colonel L. H. Rogers, 3d Art. (S. O., Feb. 21, H. Q. A.)

Infantry and Cavalry School.—The detail of the Infantry and Cavalry School for 1893, to report Sept. 1 next, is as follows:

Cavalry—2d Lieut. Robert C. Williams 1st, James R. Hornbush 2d, John P. Ryan 3d, Edwin D. Anderson 4th, Louis C. Scherer and J. G. Harbord 5th, Erwin L. Phillips 6th, John O'Shea 7th, 1st Lieut. John O. Waterman 8th, 2d Lieut. Matthew A. Byson 9th, Samuel D. Roekenbach and Winthrop S. Wood 10th.

Infantry—2d Lieut. Dwight E. Holley 1st, 1st Lieut. Charles A. Muir 2d, 2d Lieut. William H. Morford 3d, 2d Lieut. Brooke, 2d Lieut. C. C. Custer and John S. Switzer 4th, 2d Lieut. George S. S. 5th, 2d Lieut. H. Simon 6th, 2d Lieut. Wallace 7th, 2d Lieut. Owen 8th, Arthur W. Yates 9th, Edmund Wittenmeyer 10th, 2d Lieut. Peterson 11th, 2d Lieut. Shurtlworth 12th, 2d Lieut. C. Carnahan 13th, 2d Lieut. Fuzer 14th, 2d Lieut. R. Kudulhoff 15th, 2d Lieut. J. Hunt 16th, 2d Lieut. Walter A. Thurston 17th, 2d Lieut. Ben J. Hardaway 18th, 2d Lieut. G. Lowe 19th, 2d Lieut. E. Brady 20th, 2d Lieut. Wilson Chase 21st, 2d Lieut. Monroe McFarland and Wm. M. Morrow 22nd, 2d Lieut. Albert C. Dalton and Robert L. Hamilton 23d, 2d Lieut. E. Normovie 24th, 2d Lieut. R. S. S. 25th, 2d Lieut. William Black 26th, and 2d Lieut. Charles S. Farnsworth 27th.

*Appointed from the Military Academy.
†Appointed from the Army.
‡Appointed from civil life.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Dept. of Texas.—Brig. Gen. Frank Wheaton.

Gen. Frank Wheaton received a despatch Feb. 18, from Capt. John G. Bourke, 3d Cav., stating that he had just returned to Fort Ringgold from the field, and had brought in with him fifteen bandits who were captured by his troops in Starr County. This is the biggest piece of work accomplished by the U. S. Troops on the Lower Rio Grande border, and Capt. Bourke is highly commended for the success of his scouting expedition.

FORT RILEY, KAS.

THE Junction City Republican says:

The ladies of the post invited their friends to a "Bal Poudre" last Friday night. It was the affair of the season. The trumpeters are getting ready for their annual ball. It will be given some time in March.

Capt. D. J. Craile, 12th Inf., Fort Leavenworth, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Krayenbuhl.

Wm. H. Boyle, Jr., son of Capt. Wm. H. Boyle, 21st Inf., has been appointed corporal in Troop H, 7th Cavalry.

Mrs. McCormick, wife of Lieut. L. S. McCormick, who is now doing efficient duty on the Rio Grande, is a recent arrival at Leavenworth.

Extracts from a letter received from Troop G, 7th Cav., now in Texas: "Everybody is in splendid health and the students from Dr. John Van R. Hoff's medical college have gradually relapsed into their previous condition of laziness. The Signal Corps is tramping through the sand and cactus doing its share of swearing. Beef is worth 2½ cents per pound and it is as tough as it is cheap. This is the best country in the world for babies; there are from six to twenty in every house and apparently all of one age."

FORT WALLA WALLA, WASH.

A recent number of the *Eye Glass* published at Fort Walla Walla has these items:

It is pardonable pride to say that the post children did well at the recent school examination in town. The best were Constance Mills, Margaret Smith, Anson Mills and Al-

len Smith, who panned at the head of their respective classes.

Owing to the cold, blustering weather, the attendance at the sixth dance of the Winter Club was small. Regrets were expressed at the absence of Lieuts. Hardeman and Anderson; but it was wasted sympathy, as they, at the same time, were making merry at a similar function at Fort Sherman.

Friday evening Lieut. and Mrs. Lockett gave a delightful dinner for eleven, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Trier, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Ewen, Miss Adelaide Ewen, Miss Pauline Russell, Mr. J. Y. G. Walker and Mr. Mark W. Reeves.

Major and Mrs. Dodge entertained the garrison and their town friends at progressive euchre Thursday night. Lieut. and Mrs. Lockett tied for head and booty prizes but lost on the play off.

The officers and ladies of the post will give a reception for Col. and Mrs. Mills on the 8th and a like compliment to Col. Compton upon his arrival.

CANDIDATES FOR CADETSHIPS.

The following is a list of candidates for cadetships to West Point who have been ordered to appear before examining boards at the points named on March 1 next:

At Fort Warren, Boston, Mass.

David M. Barry, Mass.	Ralph M. Johnson, Me.
Chas. P. Campbell, R. I.	Nelson B. Keeler, Vt.
Sherwood A. Cheney, Conn.	John Van Miller, Mass.
Everett F. Dimon, Mass.	Lawrence F. Miller, Vt.
George L. Emerson, Mass.	Leo Francis Nason, R. I.

At West Point, N. Y.

Wm. J. Ackerley, N. Y.	Arthur S. Hines, Ky.
Henry H. Armstrong, Jr., N. Y.	Francis W. Kerr, Ohio.
William S. Barlow, N. Y.	Carl A. Martin, Kan.
Herbert R. Becker, Wis.	Frank R. McCoy, Pa.
Thomas S. Bell, Wis.	Crissie L. M. Q. Watson, Pa.
Howard Mott. Brown, Md.	Edward F. Mosier, N. Y.
Mervyn C. Buckey, D. C.	Harry W. Miller, Pa.
R. S. Bush, N. Y.	Wm. H. Mullins, Me.
S. G. Chiles, Fla.	Levi F. Moseley, Pa.
Harold E. Cioke, N. J.	Wm. H. Norton, Pa.
Harvey L. Cole, Pa.	John C. Oakes, N. Y.
Esgar T. Collins, Pa.	Stanley W. Pallister, N. Y.
Rigar T. Conley, Md.	Francis H. Pope, A. L.
Firmin B. Deolaga, Mo.	Phos. J. Powers, Jr., Pa.
Jos. Van R. Bokeron, N. Y.	Wm. L. Reed, N. Y.
Wm. S. Fitch, A. L.	Alexander C. Roberts, Idaho.
Jed. B. Freund, Mich.	Harry W. Sikes, Mo.
Easton R. Gibson, Mo.	Wm. S. Vinton, Texas.
W. W. Hamilton, Ga.	Phillip R. Ward, A. L.
Daniel E. Haulon, N. Y.	Niel A. Weathers, Fla.
Geo. W. Helms, Va.	John K. Young, Ohio.

At Fort McHenry, Md.

Robert W. Adams, Pa.	Willard D. Newbill, Va.
John W. Campbell, Pa.	Talman S. Offutt, Md.
Jos. W. Cox, Va.	Alfred H. Oliver, N. C.
Richard Davis, Md.	Merrill F. Oliver, A. L.
Pioto T. Durham, N. C.	Alfred C. Owens, A. L.
Ross Evans, Va.	Willis B. Pattie, Vt.
Chas. M. F. Fungate, Md.	David H. Powers, Jr., Pa.
Daniel A. Gillo, Pa.	John C. Raymond, Pa.
Ralph W. Houch, Pa.	Wright Hayes, Jr., Md.
Edward G. Landis, N. C.	Frank W. Liddard, W. Va.
Claude H. Miller, Va.	Walter H. Worth, N. C.

At Columbus Barracks, Ohio.

Wm. Bollinger, Pa.	Francis J. Kelleher, Ohio.
Clarence R. Day, Ky.	Jos. R. Mack, Ohio.
Erwin C. Fawcett, Ind.	John K. Moore, Ohio.
Wm. F. Flacus, Jr., Pa.	John L. Pank, Pa.
M. E. Hanna, Ohio.	Chas. A. Putnam, Ky.
George C. Hoser, Ohio.	John M. Rice, Ohio.
Jos. E. Johnson, Ky.	Wm. C. Wangler, Ohio.

At Fort McPherson, Ga.

Boyce Barrow, Ga.	Lester C. Oliver, Ga.
Roderick L. Carmichael, S. C.	Charles C. Duiley, S. C.
Harley B. Ferguson, N. C.	Edwin O. Scratt, S. C.
M. E. Gammam, Ga.	C. L. Seymour, Ala.
Sam'l M. Henderson, Tenn.	John S. T. Day, Ga.
Wm. W. Johnstone, N. C.	John R. Taylor, Ala.
Wm. F. Little, Ga.	Thaddeus H. Watkins, Ala.
Robert B. Morris, Tenn.	Robert W. Wain, Tenn.
Erle D. Pearce, Ga.	Chas. H. Wright, Tenn.
Wm. A. Rankin, Tenn.	

At Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Robert S. Abner, Tex.	John H. M. Wanta, Tex.
Pitt Barnes, Tex.	John H. O'Bar, Tex.
Arthur H. Baskin, Tex.	Frederick A. Pearce, Ark.
S. F. Butoma, Tex.	Alexander M. Todd, Tex.
Jos. W. Lee, Tex.	

At Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Fred T. Arnold, Iowa.	Reynolds C. Mahoney, Mich.
Frederic R. B. Oker, Wis.	Chas. W. Penabiston, Ill.
Harry G. Bishop, Ind.	Chas. A. Schmitt, Ill.
Fred R. Coleman, Ill.	Matt L. Thorne, Iowa.
Chas. H. Fenton, Mich.	Chas. H. Uel, Ind.
Fred W. Gebhardt, Wis.	Sanders Van Aukon, Ind.
Roy B. Harper, Ill.	Louis C. Wolf, Wis.
Frederick E. Leefe, Mich.	Chas. S. Worden, Mich.

At Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Geo. E. Braden, Ill.	Harry R. Lewis, Ind.
William P. Deigan, Ind.	John P. Shemmaker, Ind.
Thomas T. Frissell, Mo.	Michael J. Smith, Mo.
John S. Haley, Mo.	Edgar S. Warner, Ind.
Orien B. Huston, Ark.	Louis B. Woodward, Mo.
Lloyd T. Knox, Miss.	

At Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

Samuel A. Buffington, Mo.	David P. Wood, Mo.
Richard W. Reynolds, Jr., Mo.	

At Fort Omaha, Neb.

Clarence V. Gallagher, Neb.	John A. Lucas, Wis.
Fredk. E. Johnston, Iowa.	Albert M. Niles, Neb.
Benj. M. Koehler, Neb.	Frank A. Walton, Iowa.

At Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.

Bert L. Evans, Wyo.	Henry D. Smith, A. L.
Chas. D. Roberts, Wyo.	Sheldon Wettscher, N. M.

At San Diego Barracks, Cal.

Bertram Gilbert, N. M.	Frank L. Jordan, Ariz.
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At the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

Albert J. Bowley, Cal.	Seymour M. Welch, Cal.
Geo. W. Ryan, Cal.	

At Vancouver Barracks, Wash.

Francis W. Healy, Idaho.	
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Charles Scribner's Sons are preparing a novel and interesting contribution to the World's Fair in the form of an Exhibition Number of Scribner's Magazine to be published simultaneously with the opening of the Exposition at Chicago. They have planned to make it as fine an example of an American magazine as can be produced by a house to whom the best literary and artistic resources are open.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle and the Citizen, of Brooklyn, N. Y., have each issued a very complete Almanac for the present year, which contains a large amount of general and useful information.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

CHIEF ENGINEER ROBT. B. HINE, U. S. N., was before the Naval Retiring Board last week, and it is the supposition that the board have recommended his retirement.

MR. WM. WALDORF ASTOR and Lieut. W. S. Cowles, U. S. N., were presented this week, by the Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, to the Prince of Wales at a levee held at St. James's Palace.

MRS. C. N. OFFLEY, wife of Asst.-Engr. Offley of the Chicago, has returned to Georgetown, D. C., where she will remain with her parents until the destination of the ship has been finally determined upon.

MRS. A. E. K. BENHAM, the wife of Rear Admiral Benham, has been in Washington for some little time, and intends remaining until the arrival of the Newark in Hampton Roads. Mrs. Benham is accompanied by her daughter.

CAPTAIN A. T. MAHAN, U. S. N., contributes to the March number of the "Atlantic Monthly" an interesting historical article on "Admiral, the Earl St. Vincent," one of England's great naval captains in the latter part of the 18th Century.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER W. H. ALLDERDICE, U. S. N., who for several years has been attached to the office of Naval Intelligence, has been detached from that duty and will while waiting assignment to sea be employed in the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

At a meeting of the Indiana Commandery of the Loyal Legion at Indianapolis, Feb. 22, Acting Rear Admiral Geo. Brown, U. S. N., was the honored guest, and Capt. Dudley H. Chase, formerly of the U. S. Army, read a paper on the "Battle of Gettysburg."

MR. H. A. GILLIS, son of Commo. J. H. Gillis, U. S. Navy, has severed his connection with the New York, Lake Erie and Western R. R. at Port Jervis, to accept the more lucrative position of Superintendent of the Roanoke Locomotive Works at Roanoke, Va.

MR. HENRY W. RAYMOND, son of the famous journalist, Henry J. Raymond, who has been private secretary for Secretary of the Navy Tracy during the present administration, has been selected by President Harrison for the position of Solicitor of the State Department.

Among the recent pleasant Navy wedding is numbered that of Lieut. Hanson R. Tyler, U. S. N., which took place at Suisun, Cal., Jan. 30. The bride was Miss Mae Hooton, of Vallejo, who has many warm friends in the Navy. Lieut. and Mrs. Tyler have come East on their honeymoon.

COMMODORE W. T. SAMPSON, U. S. N., Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, has taken the five old time mansion at No. 1729 G street, Washington, and has had it rearranged to suit the convenience of the family. Mrs. Sampson has many friends in Washington, and has received a warm welcome to the capital.

CHIEF ENGINEER W. H. SHOCK, U. S. N., ex-Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, is engaged in the preparation of a series of articles covering his long life in the naval service, and will publish them some time during the coming year. These papers will take the form of personal reminiscences, and will embrace a period of more than fifty years.

LIEUTENANT AND MRS. H. E. PARMENTER, U. S. N., will reside with the family of Rear Admiral Irwin at the Mare Island Navy-yard. Lt. Parmenter is the recipient of many congratulations over his recent marriage. His bride, Miss Grace L. Taylor, of San Francisco, is a connection of Mrs. Irwin, and is well known among Navy people of the Pacific coast.

CHIEF ENGINEER C. J. MACCONNELL, U. S. N., of the U. S. S. Richmond, has been quite a sufferer with an obscure heart affection, but is still fit for duty. The severe duty in the Pacific has tended to impair the health of this officer, and it is not likely that he will go to sea again until a thorough physical examination shall pronounce upon his fitness.

Among the visitors at the Navy Department last week was Chief Engr. G. W. Magee, U. S. N., of the ironclad *Miantonomoh*, stationed at New York. Since the rough experience of last fall when he came so near losing his life, Mr. Magee has not been in good health, and as he finds the duties on the *Miantonomoh* too exacting, he is desirous of detachment and assignment to shore duty.

A LECTURE was delivered by Chaplain James J. Kane, of the Brooklyn Navy-yard, on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the 1st Place M. E. Church, Brooklyn. The subject was "The Tour of the Orient and Search for the Site of Calvary." The lecturer, who was dressed in richly embroidered Oriental garments, for two hours took a large audience with him through 60 cities, going and returning, explaining briefly the point of interest, in each place, and searched the four sites, claimed as the site of the Crucifixion.

THE San Francisco Wave, referring to the recent marriage of Lieut. H. E. Parmenter, U. S. N., to Miss Grace Lee Taylor, says: "The bride is the charming daughter of Med. Insp. Dr. W. E. Taylor, U. S. N., one of the ablest and cleverest surgeons on the coast. Besides being a very handsome man, the groom is a member of a prominent Rhode Island family, connected with some of the best known people in the country. He is decidedly popular, has brains, and will undoubtedly make a career for himself."

"WHOEVER gets the Navy Department," says a Washington despatch, "it is hoped by every member of the House who knows him that ex-Representative McAdoo, formerly of New Jersey and now of New York, will be made Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He is acquainted with all the needs of the Service, with the Department and its controversies, is a warm friend of the Service and a detester of all shams and humbugs. He would make an admirable helper to the Secretary, and would be strong enough, if the occasion arose, to insist that the civil branch of the Service should not be dominated by the naval cliques that threaten to reduce staff officers and clerks of all classes to mere machines to perform the drudgery for Uncle Sam's sea police."

REAR ADMIRAL A. C. REINHOLD, U. S. Navy, took a prominent part in the celebration of the New York State Society of the Cincinnati on Washington's birthday.

CAPTAIN B. F. DAY, U. S. N., has arrived at Honolulu and assumed command of the cruiser *Boston*, relieving Capt. Wilcox. The latter officer will return at once to Washington.

THE Vallejo Chronicle referring to the recent marriage of Lieut. H. R. Tyler, U. S. N., to Miss May Hooton, says: "Lieut. Tyler is one of the most popular officers that have ever been stationed at Mare Island, and his bride is equally as highly esteemed by the residents of Vallejo, where she has spent the greater part of her life. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler are now in San Francisco on their wedding trip. They will take up their residence in Vallejo. The Lieutenant has seen a long time of service without a rest and it is hoped that he will be stationed among us for several years."

THE San Francisco Bulletin says: "The Army and Navy Cotillion of the Friday Night Club more than met the most flattering anticipations of those who were zealous for its advancement. In compliment to the special guests of the occasion the decorations partook of military characteristics. The figures were in many cases new, but as the music was excellent and the leader, Mr. Cotton, U. S. N., and his assistants, Mr. Davis, U. S. A., and Mr. Flagler, U. S. N., guided those forming the sets with such pronounced skill, this very novelty added to the attractiveness of the evening."

LIEUT. O. W. LOWRY, U. S. N., Superintendent of the House of Refuge on Randall's Island, called a number of witnesses to disprove the charges against him. Lieut. C. W. Jungen, U. S. N., naval instructor at the House of Refuge, testified that he had known Superintendent Lowry for a number of years and had never seen him under the influence of liquor. Mrs. Jungen corroborated her husband's testimony. Asst. Clerk G. B. Dixon, Engr. Rodon, Asst. Engr. C. J. Ketchum, Mrs. Phelps, who visited Superintendent Lowry's family for a number of weeks; Dr. Gihon, U. S. N.; Capt. Peter Grace, who has been employed on the island for nearly 45 years; Dr. A. G. Spalding, the physician of the institution; Hospital Nurse Carrie Winch, Night Watchman McLaughlin and Seltzer and Irving Grace, who is employed in a downtown insurance office, but who lives on the island with his parents, also testified that they had never seen Superintendent Lowry under the influence of liquor. Those who testified in rebuttal alleged nothing more than occasional drinking at clubs, such as is indulged in by large numbers of gentlemen whose sobriety and propriety is never called in question.

LIEUTENANT GEO. E. SAGE, 6th U. S. Art., under recent orders, joins Crabb's battery at Alcatraz Island, Cal., for duty.

CAPTAIN W. T. ROSSELL, Corps of Engineers, who relinquishes the position of Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, will spend the summer on leave and resume duty with his corps in the autumn.

COLONEL GEO. B. MCCLELLAN, President of the New York City Board of Aldermen, has been acting Mayor a portion of this week, which gives the New York Herald occasion to say: "The son of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan sits with honor as President of the New York Board of Aldermen. The son of an illustrious General he needs no introduction to the world for integrity and character. The young man's official record is stainless, and his career already points to brightening clouds on Tammany's horizon." He was born at the close of the war in Dresden, Germany, Nov. 23, 1865. This makes him but a little over 27 years old.

GENERAL A. W. GREELY, Chief Signal Officer, U. S. Army, in a recent letter to Lieut. M. F. Jamar, 13th U. S. Inf., at present on duty at the Headquarters Department of the Missouri, Chicago, says: "The Chief Signal Officer expresses to you his appreciation of your valuable services while acting signal officer at Fort Leavenworth, Kas. Your energy and attention to duty brought the service to high state of efficiency. While the Chief Signal Officer regards your relief from your present duties as a matter of regret to the Signal Corps, he feels confident that the same qualities which led you to success as a signal officer will lead you to success in your new duty."

CAPTAIN CHARLES KING, U. S. A., contributes to *Lippincott's Magazine* for March a novel entitled "Warning's Peril." The "Editor's Sheet," referring to the novel, dubs Capt. King as "the laureate of our little Army," and says: "No living author is more sure of an eager audience, or more certain to hold and delight his readers. No one knows more thoroughly the matters of which he writes, and no one else can describe them with such graceful and natural art. His stories always have a plot; his characters are living men and women; he makes the barracks, the march, the battlefield, as near to us as if we had been there; and he clothes them in something of the light that never was on sea or land—for he is a poet, whose poetry insinuates itself through practical and most readable prose."

A PLEASANT feature of the annual meeting of the Washington Commandery, referred to last week, was the glowing tribute to the recorder of the commandery—Maj. W. P. Huxford, U. S. A.—by Col. Daniel Macaulay, who, in the close of a happy speech, thanked the Recorder "for the splendid service he has so long rendered us, enough with his other compulsory duties to break down any man less loyal and devoted or warrant a divorce suit for abandonment in any court in Christendom. Bold, determined, always on guard, negligent of his own comfort, persistent, intelligent, absolutely true and honorable, and a gallant soldier, I dare not say he is the best officer of his degree in this country, for I don't know them all, but I do say that he is the best executive manager it has ever been my good fortune to have known. I propose, my friends, the health of Maj. W. P. Huxford, Recorder of this Commandery—may his life be as long and happy as his services to us have been incessant and successful."

LIEUTENANT A. W. CHASE, 2d U. S. Art., arrived in Avoca, Iowa, early in the week on a short visit to relatives.

MAJOR LOUIS T. MORRIS, 3d U. S. Cav., and family are recent guests at the Richmond Hotel, Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT ELMER LINDSLEY, 6th U. S. Cavalry, has taken charge of recruiting matters at Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.

CAPTAIN J. A. HUTTON, 8th U. S. Inf., returned to Fort Robinson, Neb., this week from a visit to Fort McKinney, Wyo.

LIEUTENANT S. A. KEPHART, 4th U. S. Art., of Washington Barracks, made a visit this week to Fort McHenry, Md.

SECRETARY OF WAR ELKINS and Mrs. Elkins registered at the 5th Avenue Hotel, New York, on Tuesday of this week.

COLONEL E. F. TOWNSEND, 12th U. S. Inf., and daughters, of Fort Leavenworth, are on a short visit to Milwaukee, Wis.

CAPTAIN C. B. THOMPSON, Asst. Quartermaster, U. S. A., who is stationed at Sackett's Harbor, was a visitor this week to Manchester, N. H.

CAPTAIN PHILIP READE, U. S. A., seems to have good luck with his recruiting efforts in Illinois, according to the Springfield State Register.

CAPTAIN J. N. ALLISON, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. A., finds his first post of duty in his new position in the pleasant city of Baltimore.

COLONEL J. FORD KENT, U. S. A., Inspector General on the staff of General Wesley Merritt, has returned to St. Paul from a trip to Duluth, Minn.

LIEUTENANT M. C. BUTLER, Jr., 5th U. S. Cav., is a recent visitor at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., en route from leave to join his troop at Fort Supply.

LIEUTENANT AND MRS. JOHN WHOLLEY are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a bright little daughter on Feb. 4, says a Fort Sherman despatch.

LIEUTENANT J. J. HADEN, 8th U. S. Infantry, left Columbus, Ohio, early in the week for Wyoming and Nebraska with a squad of recruits for the 8th Infantry.

ASSISTANT SURGEON F. P. REYNOLDS, U. S. A., lately on duty at Fort Monroe, Va., has arrived at West Point and entered upon duty at the Military Academy.

LIEUTENANT J. M. STOTSENBERG, 6th U. S. Cav., was to leave St. Louis the latter part of this week to go to Fort McKinney and Nebraska with recruits for the 6th Cav.

LIEUTENANT EARL C. CARNAHAN, 12th U. S. Inf., leaves Fort Yates this week for Fort Leavenworth to enter upon a course of instruction at the Infantry and Cavalry School.

COLONEL GUY V. HENRY, U. S. A., now on sick leave from Fort Myer, Va., is at Tampa. We trust the change may restore his health and that he may soon be able to resume duty.

LIEUTENANT S. M. FOOTE, 4th U. S. Artillery, left Fort Barrancas, Fla., this week, to spend until the 1st of April on leave, when he will go to Chicago for duty at the World's Fair.

MAJOR-GENERAL NELSON A. MILES, U. S. A., was a distinguished guest at the celebration in Chicago, February 13, by the Marquette Club, of the anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

LIEUTENANT JOHN POWER HAINS, 3d U. S. Art., and Fred. Steele Strong, eldest son of Capt. Richard Polk Strong, 4th U. S. Art., are to join the District of Columbia Commandery of the Loyal Legion next week.

MAJOR-GENERAL O. O. HOWARD, U. S. A., was an honored guest and one of the speakers at the reception given in New York, Feb. 17, by Lafayette Post D, to Commander-in-Chief A. G. Weissert of the G. A. R.

COLONEL ASA BIRD GARDNER, U. S. A., secretary of the Society of the Cincinnati, responded to the toast "The Times that Tried Men's Souls," at the banquet of the Sons of the Revolution at Delmonico's, New York City.

CAPTAIN H. H. KETCHUM, 22d U. S. Infantry, lately visiting in Washington, D. C., arrived in New York City this week and reported to Colonel Mizner for duty under Col. H. Clay Wood, Asst. Adjt. General of the Recruiting Service.

LIEUTENANT JOHN HOWARD, 19th U. S. Infantry, recently visiting his parents at Governor's Island on a short leave, will, under recent orders, transfer from Lee's company at Fort Brady to Witherell's company at Fort Mackinac, Mich.

WE congratulate Chaplain Allen Allensworth, 24th U. S. Infantry, who is an earnest and conscientious clergyman, on his assignment to duty with the World's Columbian Exposition. He will report to Maj.-Gen. Miles in Chicago in a few days.

GENERAL SAMUEL BRECK, U. S. A., assumed charge of the A. G. O., Headquarters Department of the East, Governor's Island, on Monday of this week, and has taken up his residence on the island in the quarters recently vacated by Gen. Ruggles.

CAPTAIN BERTRAM T. CLAYTON, formerly Lieutenant of the 11th U. S. Infantry, and now Captain in the 13th Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y., Brooklyn, has published a notice to the effect that he will not pay the debts of his wife, thus making public their differences which led to their separation recently. Their friends say that incompatibility of temperament is the cause of the separation.

THE fifth annual reunion and dinner of West Point graduates in Chicago and vicinity will be held at Kinsley's, 105 Adams street, Chicago, Tuesday, March 16 next, at 7 P. M., the 91st anniversary of the founding of the U. S. Military Academy. The committee of arrangements consists of Hiero H. Herr, Class '66; C. L. Hammond, Class '76, and Pierpont Isham, Class '87.

COLONEL PINTO is Minister of War in Portugal's new Cabinet, formed this week.

CAPTAIN M. MARKLAND, U. S. Army, is at present located at 131 Chartres street, New Orleans, La.

LIEUTENANT JOSEPH FRAZIER, 19th U. S. Infantry, under recent orders changes base from Fort Brady to Fort Mackinac, Mich.

LIEUTENANT H. J. HIRSCH, 15th U. S. Infantry, of Fort Sheridan, visited friends in New York and at Governor's Island this week.

CAPTAIN F. J. KERNAN, U. S. A., Judge Advocate on the staff of Gen. Merritt, has left St. Paul to spend until the latter part of April on leave.

LIEUTENANT G. F. E. HARRISON, 2d U. S. Artillery, of Fort Adams, visited Fall River and Taunton, Mass., this week, on regimental recruiting service.

CAPTAIN F. W. THIBAUT, 6th U. S. Inf., rejoined this week at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, from a pleasant trip to Newport, R. I., and New York City.

LIEUTENANT A. I. MORIARTY, 9th U. S. Inf., who is undergoing a course of treatment at Hot Springs, Arkansas, has had his sick leave extended two months.

CAPTAIN A. H. M. TAYLOR, 19th U. S. Inf., whose case has excited so much attention of late, will soon bid adieu to Fort Brady and go to his home to await retirement.

MR. WILLIS A. TAYLOR, Chief Clerk for Col. T. H. Stanton, U. S. A., Chief Paymaster of the Department of the Platte, was married Feb. 14, at Council Bluffs, to Miss Katherine Evans.

PRIVATE HOLLOW HORN BULL, otherwise Tatanka Turloughs, of Troop L, 6th U. S. Cav., Fort Niobrara, has recently severed his connection with the Army, under the purchase system.

GENERAL JOHN BROOKE, U. S. A., has selected as his second Aide-de-Camp, a position vacant for some time past, Lieut. James T. Dean, 3d U. S. Infantry, a bright young Ohioan, for some time past on leave at Ironton, Ohio.

CAPTAIN T. F. FORBES, 5th U. S. Infantry, is preparing to leave Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala., for the East to enter upon recruiting duty at Davis Island. His friends in New York will be pleased to know of the detail.

CAPTAIN GUY HOWARD, Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. Army, was expected in Burlington, Vt., the latter part of this week to enter upon his responsible duties of constructing quarters of the new post to be erected in the vicinity of that city.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. B. HUGHES, Deputy Quartermaster General, U. S. A., is expected in Baltimore in a few days to relieve Maj. A. J. McGonigle, in charge of the Q. M. Depot in that city, preparatory to the latter's retirement March 4.

LIEUTENANT W. F. HANCOCK, 5th U. S. Artillery, lately on recruiting duty at Salem, Oregon, will arrive at Governor's Island early in March for special duty under Major Clifton Comly in connection with the War Department exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition.

CAPTAIN A. H. BOWMAN, 9th U. S. Inf., Commandant of Fort Ontario, has arranged lyceum essays for that post as follows: "Fort Ontario and Oswego, N. Y., as a Military Location," by Capt. Bowman himself; and "An Important Practical Necessity in Military Signaling," by Lieut. J. P. Finley, 9th U. S. Infantry.

EX-GOV. FITZBUGH LEE has been invited to take command of the third division of military in the Cleveland inaugural parade. This division will be composed of the Virginia, the New York and the Maryland troops, including the 7th New York and the 5th Maryland Regiments, and the forces of all the other States except Pennsylvania.

The March number of the *Century* contains the letters of General and Senator Sherman which deal with financial and military matters relating to the close of the war. Gen. Sherman speaks with great frankness and familiarity of Gen. Grant, of the burning of Columbia, and of various topics connected with his own personality, while Senator Sherman writes chiefly of political matters.

MR. HOKE SMITH, of Georgia, who is to be Mr. Cleveland's Secretary of the Interior, and will thus preside over the destinies of war pensioners, is described as a bright, clean-cut young Democrat of the newer and progressive school, who has been a Cleveland man ever since 1867, because Cleveland represented the ideas of governmental policy which he believed in, and who carried on his fight to keep the Democracy of Georgia in line at a time when such warfare meant the enmity of nearly every notable man in his party in the State.

The will of the late Professor W. H. C. Bartlett, U. S. Army, retired, was filed Feb. 20. The estate is estimated to be worth \$230,000. The will was dated Oct. 30 1891. Prof. Bartlett appoints as executors his wife, Harriet Bartlett, Maj.-Gen. John M. Schofield and Col. Charles G. Bartlett, U. S. Army. To his daughter, Elizabeth W. Bartlett, he gives fifteen bonds of the New York, Lackawanna and Western Railroad and the Lake Erie and Western Railroad. The rest of his estate he gives to his wife, and at her death the estate is to be divided equally between his children.

The Philadelphia *Times* publishes an article in which it draws a contrast between the operations of what is known as the Board of Mercantile Appraisers, Philadelphia, before and since the appointment of Col. J. P. Nicholson as the Democratic member. The exemptions of assessed dealers is only twenty-five per cent. of what they were formerly and license fees have been recovered from 17,433 members instead of from 12,400 last year. Seventy-three per cent. of the assessments were paid in 1892, and the exemptions were 15½ per cent. In 1891 but 42 per cent. of the assessments were paid and the exemptions were 42½ per cent. The cost of collecting \$231,967 in 1891 by the old appraisers was \$44,554.22; the cost of collecting \$233,262 in 1892 was \$15,759.07.

LIEUTENANT J. L. WILSON, 4th U. S. Artillery, was expected in Chicago this week from Fort Riley for duty at Gen. Miles's headquarters in connection with the World's Fair.

GENERAL JOHN R. BROOKE, U. S. Army, is to command the 1st Division of the inauguration parade at Washington, D. C., March 4. His aides, Lieuts. Quay and Dean, will accompany him from Omaha to Washington.

CAPTAIN GEORGE F. CHASE, 3d U. S. Cavalry, gave some interesting testimony recently in regard to the capture of Francisco Benavides and the scouting operations of the troops in the field, before the court in session at San Antonio on the Mexican extradition case.

BORN to Lieut. and Mrs. Henry Kirby, about 3.30 A. M., Feb. 14, a daughter. Mother and child doing well. Lieut. Kirby feels extremely happy over the sweet and pretty little valentine he received this morning and is being warmly congratulated.—*Santa Fe New Mexican*.

LIEUTENANT JAMES L. DRIEVEN, 17th U. S. Infantry, an able and energetic young officer, who was graduated in 1860, has been selected by Colonel John S. Poland as regimental quartermaster in succession to Capt. George H. Roach, lately promoted captain, vice Garretty, retired.

The appointment of Col. E. S. Otis, 20th U. S. Infantry, to brigadier-general, covers the following promotions in the infantry arm: Lieut.-Col. R. H. Hall, 6th, to colonel; Major Richard Combs, 9th, to lieutenant-colonel; Capt. E. P. Ewers, 5th, to major; and 1st Lieut. W. H. C. Bowen, 5th, to captain.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES W. FENTON, 7th U. S. Cavalry, lately on duty with his troop in the field at San Pedro Ranch on the Rio Grande, has been summoned to Washington, D. C., to report to the Adjutant-General for instructions. He was expected to arrive in Washington the latter part of this week.

The Court-martial sentence in the case of Major C. B. Throckmorton, 2d U. S. Artillery, will, under the remission, expire in March, 1895. His promotion to lieutenant-colonel in ordinary course, without casualty, will occur Oct. 29, 1896, so that in consequence of the partial remission he will lose no files.

MAJOR-GENERAL O. O. HOWARD, U. S. A., gave "A Talk on Gettysburg," at Riverhead, Long Island, on Washington's birthday, before a large and appreciative audience of veterans and citizens, and, under similar auspices, spoke on "Grant at Chattanooga," on Feb. 23, at Aquebogue, L. I. He was due at Saratoga, N. Y., the latter part of this week to attend the sessions of the State Executive Committee of the Y. M. C. A.

GENERAL J. C. BRECKINRIDGE, Inspector-General, U. S. A., has been elected president of the Sons of the American Revolution for the ensuing year with the following vice-presidents: Hon. Levi P. Morton, Admiral Worden, Hon. John Sherman, Admiral Jouett, Gen. E. D. Townsend, Gen. O. B. Willcox, John W. Douglas, Gen. James J. Dana, Gen. H. V. Boynton, Capt. J. W. Ball, Gen. A. W. Greely and Col. Marshall McDonald.

COLONEL ELWELL S. OTIS, 20th U. S. Infantry, nominated for brigadier-general, vice Carr, retired, is an able, energetic officer, with a distinguished war record, made with New York volunteer troops from 1862 to 1865. He was appointed to the Regular Army as lieutenant-colonel in 1866, and has performed the many important duties devolving upon him with marked ability. With one exception, W. R. Shatter, he is the senior colonel of the infantry arm.

The Kansas City *Times*, referring to the promotion of Corp. John F. Stevens, Co. B, 11th Inf., to 2d lieutenant, says: "The Corporal failed in his first examination, as did Sergt. Macklin, of the 5th Art., but they were given a second examination. In this the Corporal was the only one successful. The young man is to be congratulated by his comrades and every one who has observed his efforts to secure the coveted prize. The board of officers detailed to examine him speak very highly in his behalf and are pleased over his appointment."

The Walla Walla *Statesman*, referring to the recent farewell reception given to Col. Anson Mills, 3d U. S. Cavalry, and Mrs. Mills, prior to his departure from Fort Walla Walla to join his regiment in Texas, says: "All the officers and ladies of the fort were present in full dress, and unremitting in their attentions to the guests, who, as they arrived paid their respects to the honored colonel and his estimable wife. A last 'good-bye' was said at midnight, and many regrets expressed that our city would shortly lose one of the most popular commanding officers ever stationed at the fort."

COLONEL J. J. VAN HORN, 8th U. S. Infantry, in relieving Lieut. Wm. A. Mercer from duty as regimental quartermaster, he having been detailed acting Indian agent at La Pointe Agency, says: "During the time that Lieut. Mercer has performed the duties of regimental and post quartermaster, it is gratifying to the colonel commanding to acknowledge the valuable services rendered by him and the satisfactory and intelligent manner in which they have at all times been performed. The zeal, efficiency and energy evinced in the execution of the duties that have been imposed are deserving of high commendation."

MAJOR ANDREW JACKSON MCGONIGLE, Quartermaster, U. S. A., who will be retired for age on Saturday next, March 4, has a record of honorable and faithful military service dating from March 18, 1864, when he was appointed Captain and Assistant Quartermaster of Volunteers. In May, 1865, he was appointed to the regular establishment, and became a Major and Quartermaster in February, 1882. Major McGonigle received the brevets of Major and Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel of Volunteers for his faithful and meritorious services in the Quartermaster's Department during the war, the brevets of Major and Lieutenant Colonel in the Regular Army for gallantry in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Five Forks, Sailor's Creek and Appomattox Court House, and the brevet of Colonel in 1869 for meritorious services during the Indian campaign.

LIEUTENANT C. S. HALL, 15th U. S. Infantry, has gone from Fort Supply to Fort Sill to enter upon duty as regimental quartermaster under recent appointment by Col. Montgomery Bayard in succession to Lieut. W. L. Buck. Lieut. Hall is an efficient officer of 17 years service.

Mrs. SCOTT and Mrs. Barrett, sisters of Mrs. Col. J. C. Baily, and Miss Scott, Mrs. Baily's niece, from Frankfort, Ky., have arrived for a visit to their sister and aunt. They will remain here for several weeks and before returning to their home intend to make a trip to Mexico. Mrs. Dickman presented her husband, 1st Lieut. Joseph T. Dickman, 3d Cavalry, with a fine baby girl early Feb. 18. Mother and child are both doing well. Lieut. Dickman is at present with his troop in the field.—*S. A. Express*.

(From the Salt Lake Herald, Feb. 15.)

SUICIDE OF LIEUTENANT VANCE.

WITH his career as a soldier ended, his honor as a gentleman impugned and his hopes in life blasted, Lieut. Capers D. Vance yesterday took arms against the sea of trouble that overwhelmed him, and ended all by sending a bullet through his brain.

Before retiring on Friday night the Lieutenant told his servant or "striker" that he need not call him in the morning, but as the officer had not made his appearance at 10 o'clock, the servant went to the door of his room at quarters No. 2 and knocked. Receiving no response, but hearing someone groaning faintly in the apartment, the "striker" retired and notified several soldiers that something was wrong in the officer's room. They returned with him and on forcing the door open found Lieut. Vance dressed in full uniform lying stretched upon the floor. A pool of blood at his head and a revolver lying near his right hand told the whole story. He was unconscious, but his feeble groaning indicated that life was not extinct, and while some gently lifted the wounded man upon his bed, others ran for Drs. Helgman and Kendall, the post surgeons, who were soon at the scene. They found that Vance had stood in the middle of the room, placed the muzzle of a 45-calibre bull dog revolver against his head and fired. The bullet entered the right side of the head, about an inch above the ear, and passing through the brain, came out on a line with the point of entrance, but about an inch nearer the forehead.

The shot had evidently been fired shortly after 9 o'clock, and the physicians at once pronounced the wound fatal. Everything possible was done for the unfortunate man, but he never regained consciousness, and hour after hour lay on the bed, an occasional moan or movement of the head being the only evidences that he was alive. The attendants expected him to die in a very short time, but the man's wonderful vitality was surprising, and last evening when a *Herald* reporter visited the quarters, his condition was apparently unchanged, although the physicians shook their heads and said that death must ensue in a few hours at most.

The news of the awful affair created a profound sensation, both at the fort and in the city. Vance's fellow officers did not seem greatly shocked; but it was plainly evident even to a casual observer, that the enlisted men felt the deepest sympathy for the Lieutenant. The news created almost as much stir in town, and during the afternoon several of the officer's civilian friends went out to the fort to see him.

On Friday night a ball was given at the post. Vance knew all the members of the company, and many of them had been his intimate friends and associates. While they were enjoying themselves he remained in his room, shut out from the world, ostracized and unnoticed. He could hear the music and see the dancers, and doubtless his mind went back to brighter days. Then he looked ahead and saw nothing in the future but dishonor.

"Don't call me in the morning," he said to his servant, and when he made this remark he had probably decided upon suicide as the only solution of his difficulties.

Capers D. Vance was a native of Arkansas, and was about 28 years of age. He comes from a highly respectable family, and his parents have for years lived near Fayetteville. The lieutenant graduated from West Point about five years ago, and was one of the most popular members of his class.

In the fall of 1888 he went to Fort Du Chesse and supervised some sawmill work. While there he strained his eyes by constant reading and came to Salt Lake for medical treatment. It was then that Vance first commenced to drink and the habit seems to have grown upon him ever since. Until the affair of last fall, he was one of the most popular men of the Sixteenth. He was unmarried and had no relations in this section of the country.

FORT MYER, VA.

The lyceum course of 1892-93 at Fort Myer, as mapped out by the post commander, is as follows:

Military Use of Railroads and Transports, Capt. J. M. Bell; Battle of Antietam, Capt. M. B. Hughes; Battle of First Bull Run, Capt. F. S. Bonus; Requirements of Efficient Cavalry Horses, and Handling of Cavalry before and on the Battlefield, Lieut. J. F. R. Landis; Supplying Ammunition on the Battlefield, Lieut. W. H. Baldwin; Organization of Lines of Communication and Lease of Supplies for an Army, Lieut. M. F. Steele; Military Terrain, Lieut. J. W. Benton; The Riding Hall and Training of Man and Horse, Lieut. A. W. Perry; The Troop and its Non-Com. Officers, Lieut. Merrill; Conduct of a Cavalry March, Selection of Camps, Pitching and Striking of Tents, Lieut. H. Sewell.

DECISION BY THE SECOND COMPTROLLER.

SECOND COMPTROLLER GILKESON has denied the claim of Capt. Richard Wallace, M. C., for commutation of quarters from the time he reported himself fit for duty after a period of illness until he was assigned to duty. The claim was made on the ground that he was waiting orders for the convenience of the Government.

The Comptroller says he does not think the law contemplates that an officer on waiting orders as his home should be allowed commutation of quarters. "He was not at a military post or station, but had been on sick leave, and the regulation required him to report himself when fit for duty, and it is extremely doubtful whether such reporting by letter carries with it the right to commutation of quarters. The claim is therefore disallowed."

THE CENTENNIAL NAVY REVIEW.

The Navy Department has had assurances from the gentlemen of both Houses of Congress in immediate charge of the Naval appropriation bill, that provision will be made for the proposed Naval Review. This, while encouraging, does not fully satisfy the authorities that the money will be forthcoming, and until the bill has finally passed with the Naval Review provision incorporated no obligations will be incurred by the Department, and as a consequence the success of the proposed celebration is likely to be interfered with because of lack of preparation. The outgoing administration is taking very little interest in the matter, preferring apparently to let the incoming administration perfect the arrangements.

Always equal to an emergency, it is to be expected that our naval officers will make the best possible out of the embarrassing situation in which they are placed by the obligations incurred by others instrumental in booming the review.

When Rear Admiral Gherardi reaches Hampton Roads he will come to Washington immediately, and with the assistance of the Bureau of Navigation, will definitely arrange the programme for the coming event, and endeavor to make as much as possible out of little.

Neither the foreign representation nor our own fleet will approach anywhere near the numbers so sanguinely promised by the promoters of the project, but to avoid the mortification of a complete fiasco our Navy officers should now unite in an endeavor to make the best show possible out of the meagre resources at hand.

Instead of thirty-six vessels of the New Navy, promised so faithfully by Secretary Tracy when the project was first discussed, there will be only seventeen available. These are the *Baltimore*, *San Francisco*, *Charleston*, *Yorktown*, *Chicago*, *Philadelphia*, *Atlanta*, *Kearsarge*, *Concord*, *Newark*, *Bennington*, *Dolphin*, *Vesuvius*, *Cushing*, *Essex*, *Montanmore*, and *Bancroft*. The last is the only one of the six new vessels ordered in commission in time for the event that can possibly be made ready. The delay of the Carnegie Company in furnishing the Sponson armor for the *New York* makes it highly improbable that she will be able for the flagship of the squadron, and there is no possibility of the *Deseret*, *Montgomery*, *Machias*, or *Castine* being ready for several months yet.

The Navy Department is still in ignorance as to what number of vessels foreign powers will send. Seven governments in all have accepted the invitation, but none have signified whether one or a fleet of ships will be sent.

In connection with the estimate of \$40,000 submitted to complete the Naval Exhibit for the World's Fair, Lt. Comdr. Tausig, in a recent statement before the Senate Committee on Appropriations, said that the amount was needed to perfect the exhibit in many details; to keep the ship painted and repaired; for awnings; for the employment of men to take care of the ship, boats, etc. If practicable, too, he would like after the naval review to have torpedo boat No. 2, building at Dubuque, Ia., come out to Chicago and show people in the West how torpedo boats are manipulated. He also hoped that the naval cadets would be sent to the Fair, and if this should be done a portion of the sum estimated would be necessary to meet the incidental expenses connected therewith. Lt. Comdr. Tausig has about despaired of getting the men required to man the ship. He had hoped to secure at least 125 men for this purpose. The Navy Department has promised him a dozen.

In the British House of Commons on Feb. 21 the Right Hon. Sir U. K. Shuttleworth, secretary to the Admiralty, announced that the commander of the British fleet on the North American station would attend the naval review at New York, in honor of the Columbian anniversary, with several vessels of war, and the Admiralty was considering whether they would send additional vessels.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

NAVAL ACADEMY.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Feb. 21, 1895.

Mrs. LIEUT. HARRIS gave a card party Tuesday afternoon for Miss Curtis.

Miss Hopkins, of St. Louis, and Miss Brewster, of New Jersey, are visiting Lieut. and Mrs. Halsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fewell, of El Paso, Texas, are visiting their son, Cadet Fewell, 1st Class.

The period is rapidly approaching when vacancies in the Naval Academy will have to be filled. The Secretary of the Navy is required as soon after March 5 as possible, to notify each member and delegate of the House of Representatives of any vacancy that may exist in his district for the naval cadetship. The nomination of a candidate is made on the recommendation of the member or delegate, if made by the first day of July. If not made by that time, the Secretary of the Navy fills the vacancy.

The President appoints the District of Columbia candidate, as well as two at large, as vacancies occur. Candidates report on May 15 or Sept. 1 for the mental and physical examinations.

The following named cadets, who were deficient in their studies at the semi-annual examinations, were notified on Feb. 13, by the Secretary of the Navy, that their resignations, if tendered immediately, would be accepted; otherwise they would be dropped: Warren Rodney, Texas; Thos. S. Kellogg, at large; Benjamin G. Crosby, at large; Claude M. Griffith, Md.; Paul M. Lammie, N. D.; Henry M. Walker, S. D.; Henry M. Biscow, Me.; James D. C. DeJarnette, Va.; Shelton W. Anding, Miss.; Dennis M. Emery, N. Y.; Frank W. Hill, Mo.; Richard J. Oslesby, Jr., at large; Frederick L. Stone, Ark.; Henry W. Olin, Ind.; John T. M. Terry, at large; Joseph T. Ward, Texas; T. N. M. Williams, Md.; Frank T. Evans, Ind. All of the above named cadets, except one, tendered their resignations, which were immediately accepted. Cadet Kellogg was dropped.

DESPITE the air of secrecy maintained at the masonic establishment at Chalais, it is rumored that Major Renard, after eight years labor, has at length succeeded in constructing a dirigible balloon. During the Panama disclosures the government seemed greatly alarmed, and for days all the troops were confined to the casernes, and even now one sees very few soldiers in the street. On the other hand Paris never has seemed so tranquil and even stupid. I believe the trouble will come (if it does come) at the time of the new elections. If, however, they can only get up a war scare or a few dynamite explosions to divert these people, the Panama affair will be almost forgotten and nothing come of it.

THE NAVY

BENJAMIN F. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy
JAMES R. SOLEY, Assistant Secretary of the Navy

NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

N. Atl. Station.—A. E. Adml. John G. Walker.
Address care Commandant, New York.

PHILADELPHIA, 2d rate, 13 guns. Capt. A. S. Barker. At Port Royal, S. C., Jan. 31. Ordered to Hampton Roads.

CONCORD, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander Edwin White. At Norfolk, Va., firing out. Will go to Hampton Roads early in March.

ATLANTA, 3d rate, 5 guns. Capt. F. J. Higginson. At Key West, Fla., Feb. 20. Ordered to Hampton Roads.

CHICAGO, 3d rate, 14 guns, flagship. Capt. John F. McGlensay. At New York. Address mail care Commandant, New York Navy yard. Took part Feb. 23 in the ceremonies attendant upon the raising of the American flag on the steamship *City of New York*. Will sail for Hampton Roads next week.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns. Comdr. A. S. Crowninshield. At Key West Feb. 10. Will soon proceed to Hampton Roads.

MIANTOMOMON, monitor, 2d rate, 4 guns. Captain Montgomery Slocard. Comdr. At New York Navy yard. Will soon proceed to Hampton Roads.

VESUVIUS, 4th rate, 8 guns, dynamite cruiser, Lt. Seaton Schroeder, comdr. At Port Royal, S. C., for trial of her guns. Trials having been completed, will come to Norfolk during the coming week and rendezvous at Hampton Roads.

S. Atl. Sta'n.—Rear Admiral A. E. K. Benham.

The mail matter for ships on this station should be addressed "Care of the United States Consul, Montevideo, Uruguay, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London." Letters sent to Rio Janeiro are frequently subjected to very long delays, owing to fumigation and other reasons.

NEWARK, flagship, 2d rate, 13 guns. Captain Silas Casey. Sailed from Cadiz Feb. 18 for the Canaries, and thence to Havana. Caravels in convoy.

BENNINGTON, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander R. B. Bradford. Sailed from Cadiz Feb. 18 for the Canaries, and thence to Havana. Caravels in convoy.

ESSEX, 3d rate, 6 guns. Comdr. Wm. W. Mead. Left Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 9 for Hampton Roads, Va.

YANTIC, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. Samuel Belden. Montevideo, Uruguay, Feb. 15. Lieut.-Comdr. Belden will shortly be detached and ordered home for examination for promotion.

Pacific Station.—Acting Rear Admiral J. S. Skerrett.

Address all mail to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal. unless otherwise noted.

ADAMS, 3d rate. Comdr. Thomas Nelson. At San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 15. Awaiting orders which will probably send her to Samoa.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns. Comdr. W. H. Whiting. Arrived at Samoa from Honolulu Dec. 13. Orders have been sent for her to return home.

BOSTON, 2d rate, 8 guns. Captain B. F. Day. At Honolulu, S. I.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns. Comdr. Nicoll Ludlow. Sailed from San Francisco for Honolulu Jan. 29.

RANGER, 3d rate, Commander E. Longnecker. At San Francisco, Cal., awaiting orders. May be ordered any day to Honolulu.

THETIS, 3d rate, 3 machine guns. Comdr. Geo. C. Reiter. On surveying duty on lower coast of California. Arrived at San Diego Jan. 31, and sailed Feb. 12.

Special Service Squadron.—Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherardi.

BALTIMORE, flagship, 2d rate, 10 guns. Capt. W. R. Bridgman. Sailed from St. Thomas for Hampton Roads Feb. 18. Expected to arrive Feb. 25.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 8 guns. Captain Henry F. Pickens. Same as Baltimore.

SAN FRANCISCO, 2d rate, 13 guns. Captain J. C. Watson. Same as Baltimore.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander Frank Wildes. Same as Baltimore.

Asiatic Station.—Rear Adml. D. B. Harmony.

Address all mail Yokohama, Japan.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns. Comdr. Geo. R. Durand. On a cruise to Swatow, Manila, Zool, and Hong Kong. Comdr. G. M. Book ordered to command per steamer of March 4 from San Francisco.

LANCASTER, 2d rate, 10 guns, flagship. Capt. A. H. McCormick. At Hong Kong Feb. 8.

MONOCACY, Comdr. F. M. Barber, 3d rate 6 guns. At Nankin Dec. 31.

MARION, flagship, 3d rate, 8 guns. Comdr. C. V. Gridley. At Foochow Dec. 31, and from there was to proceed to Amoy, Hong Kong, Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Batavia, Savovak, Labuan, Manila and back to Hong Kong.

PALOS, 4th rate, 6 guns. Lieut. Comdr. J. J. Hunter. At Nagasaki, Japan Under orders to be sold.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. M. R. S. Mackenzie. Lieut.-Comdr. J. H. Dayton ordered to command per steamer of Jan. 24 from San Francisco. At Nagasaki Dec. 31.

Apprentice Training Squadron.

PORTSMOUTH, 13 guns. Comdr. C. D. Sigbee. On winter cruise in the West Indies. Arrived at Trinidad, February 14. Mail for the *Portsmouth* should leave the United States as follows: Care of U. S. Consul, Port-au-Prince, Trinidad, until Feb. 26; care of U. S. Consul, St. Thomas, W. I., until April 12 after April 12 all mail should be sent to Hampton Roads, Va. The ship may visit the French West Indies, for which contingency arrangements will be made at St. Thomas for forwarding mail from that point.

RICHMOND, 3d rate, 14 guns. Capt. F. M. Bunde. At Newport, R. I. (Receiving ship for boys).
MINNESOTA, 19 guns. Receiving ship for boys. Captain J. R. Bartlett. At dock foot of West 56th street, N. Y. City. P. O. Station G, New York.
MONONGAHELA, Comdr. T. A. Lyons. On her winter's practice cruise. Arrived at Cape de Verde Islands Jan. 30. Expected at Bridgetown, Barbadoes, about Feb. 23. Mail should be addressed care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London.

On Special Service.

AND AWAITING ASSIGNMENT

CUSHING, torpedo boat, Lieut. F. F. Fletcher commanding. At Newport, R. I.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, despatch boat, 3 guns. Lieut. H. B. Buckingham. At Washington Navy-yard.

FERN, fourth rate despatch vessel, Lieut. Comdr. W. C. Gibson. At New York Navy-yard.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 4 guns, (2 howitzers and 2 Gatlings). Comdr. Geo. E. Wingate. At Buffalo, N. Y., where new boilers are being put in.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers. Lieut.-Comdr. W. T. Burwell. At Sitka, Alaska, at last accounts.

SARATOGA, Lt.-Comdr. E. T. Strong. Nautical schoolship of Pennsylvania. Address Philadelphia.

ST. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns. Comdr. John McGowan, Jr. Public Marine School, New York.

CONSTELLATION, 10 guns (practice ship of Naval Academy). Comdr. C. F. Goodrich. At New York.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns. Lt.-Comdr. J. F. Merry. At Boston, Mass.

MONTREY.—Coast defence vessel, 3d rate, 4 guns. Capt. Louis Kempff. Mare Island, Cal.

Receiving Ships, Iron-Clads, Etc.

DALE, Comdr. E. S. Houston. Receiving-ship. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN, 30 guns. Capt. Rush R. Wallace. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

INDEPENDENCE, 7 howitzers. Capt. O. S. Cotton. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

ST. LOUIS, sails, Comdr. C. H. Rockwell. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.

VERMONT, 1 gun. Capt. J. N. Miller. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.

WABASH, 20 guns. Capt. Jas. O'Kane. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

The armor-clads *Ajax*, *Catekill*, *Canonews*, *Lehigh*, *Mo-hoc*, *Manhattan* and *Wyandotte*, in command of Comdr. G. W. Pigman, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O. address, Richmond, Va.

VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

The launching of the cruiser *Indiana* at Cramp's shipyard in Philadelphia has been postponed until Feb. 28.

The Bureau of Steam Engineering has under way some proposed machinery for torpedo boats which it hopes to find use for in the near future.

The U. S. S. *Marblehead*, now nearing completion at Boston, will be fitted for sea at New York, and her steam trials will also take place at the last named point.

INFLUENTIAL citizens of New York are making strenuous efforts to induce the German cavalry and infantry bands, which are coming directly from Berlin to play at the Chicago World's Fair, to stop over to give a week's performance at the Madison Square Garden.

The Post Office announces that letters intended to go to Japan and China by the Canadian route should be addressed simply via Vancouver and not via Montreal and Vancouver, as this takes them through Montreal and out of the way, subjecting them to the risk of missing connection.

The Bureau of Supplies and Accounts is busily engaged in the preparation of the tables of outfit and allowances for the ships to be commissioned for sea service during the year, and hopes to have the new system, created by U. S. Naval Regulation Circular No. 113, in full swing before very long.

A STRONG effort will be made to secure an amendment to the pending deficiency bill for the payment of the Navy receiving ship claims, which have heretofore been certified to Congress, but were cut off by the Chandler clause of limitation. The initiative has been taken by Senator Voorhees. He has introduced a resolution calling upon the accounting officers for a list of the pending claims.

The daily papers report that the Emperor of Russia has decided to dispatch a large squadron of warships to the United States to take part in the naval display, which is to be arranged in Hampton Roads to celebrate the opening of the Chicago Exhibition. This squadron will call at Cherbourg or Brest as a compliment to the French Government, and the ships are also to visit the Duke of Edinburgh at Devonport. The squadron will be really commanded by Admiral Karaakoff, but is to be nominally under the command of Grand Duke Alexis, Lord High Admiral of Russia; and among the officers will be Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, who is betrothed to Grand Duchess Xenie, elder daughter of the Czar.

The annual report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Navy Mutual Aid Association has just been issued, and contains an unusual amount of interesting and valuable matter. Among its most valuable tables is one showing the annual death rate for the Navy and Marine Corps for the period between 1860 and the present time, and it will not a little surprise many to find that the per centage of deaths is somewhat less than among civilians of the same average ages. A very valuable table is also the one showing the dates of death of those belonging to the association with the amounts each had paid before becoming a beneficiary and giving also the official cause of death. Paymaster Rand has done a vast deal of hard work, and has labored successfully for the welfare of the association. Under the operation of the by-laws but seven assessments will be levied during the year 1895, the other five being paid from the cash reserve on deposit to the credit of the treasurer.

The *Newark* and *Bennington* arrived at the Canary Islands, en route to Havana, on Feb. 23.

REAR ADMIRAL GHERARDI, with the special service squadron, arrived at Hampton Roads Feb. 24.

ALL the naval nominations sent to the Senate Feb. 15 and published in last week's JOURNAL were confirmed by the Senate Feb. 22, except that of Paymaster John M. Evans, of Minn., who has been found to be beyond the limit of age and has not passed the required examination.

The Union Iron Works has received from the Government the \$400,000 due on the *Monterey*, less the usual 10 per cent. and the penalty of \$52,900 arising from the failure of the *Monterey's* engines to develop the required horse-power. They were 329 horse-power below the requirements.

SECRETARY TRACY has completed the detail of officers for the new cruiser *New York*. Preparatory orders were issued on Friday. The list comprises: Capt. J. W. Philip, Comdr.; Lieut. T. B. M. Mason, Executive; Lieut. J. F. Parker, A. Ward, A. E. Culver, T. M. Brumby, and H. C. Poundstone, watch officers; Pay Inspector, G. W. Beaman; Chief Engr., John Lowe; Asst. Engrs., C. H. Matthews, E. A. Anderson, and J. B. Patton; Medical Inspector, Edward Kershner; P. A. Surgeon, John F. Urie, and Asst Surgeon, Wilson.

WITH the conclusion of the contract for the protected cruiser *Pothuan*, which will be begun immediately at the Gravelle yard, Havre, on the slip vacated by the *Latouche-Treville* in November, the whole of the French ship building programme of 1892 will have been put in hand. The French will thus have put in hand, within twelve months, ships which will have a gross displacement, in round figures, of 50,000 tons (metric), and will cost the nation, fully armed and fitted for service, about 100 millions of francs. The *Pothuan* will be the sixth heavily armored cruiser in the French Navy, the others being the *Latouche-Treville*, *Dupuy de Lome*, *Brutis*, *Chanzy* and *Charner*.

On Dec. 14, the Dutch cruiser *Johan Willem Friso* arrived at Toulon from Alexandria, and saluted the French flag with 21 guns; but, to the surprise of all on board, the salute was not returned. It appears that when the cruiser was sighted a telegram was despatched from the naval prefecture to the polygon battery instructing the officer there to return the salute, but, as the battery was under repair, this was impossible. Thereupon Admiral Baucheron de Boisoudy directed the Malmaison battery to assume the duty, but it was found that an official who was responsible for the magazine there was absent, and had taken the keys with him. In desperation, the Admiral then communicated the order to the *Marceau*, which was lying in the harbor, but the reply came that the ship had only just been commissioned and had no proper munitions on board. At last the Admiral went off to the cruiser in person, and explained the awkward series of contretemps to her commander, Capt. Joebes, who readily accepted the explanation. Meanwhile salutes had been exchanged with the French reserve squadron.

The Japanese appear to have followed the maxim "penny wise and pound foolish" in ordering their naval vessels in France. The *Unbe Kan* went to the bottom with all hands. The *Chishima Kan*, a torpedo gun vessel of 753 tons, 5,000 horse power, and 21 knots maximum speed, has been lost with 70 or 80 of her men. The *P. and O. s. Ravenna*, with which the gun vessel came into collision, picked up her captain and engineer, but she was herself badly damaged, and had to put into Nagasaki for repair. There seems also to be some doubt as to the exact whereabouts of the *Mazushima*. The *Yoshino*, a Japanese steel cruiser recently launched at Eiswick, is 360 ft. long and 46½ ft. broad. She has a mean draught of 17 ft., and a displacement of 4,150 tons. Over the machinery, boilers, magazines, and steering gear there is a strong, steel, protective deck. The hull is subdivided throughout into numerous water-tight compartments. She carries 1,000 tons of coal, which will enable her to have an exceptional radius of action at cruising speeds. It is expected that under forced draught the power of nearly 15,000 horses will be obtained, and a speed not far short of 23 knots. She will be armed with four 6-in. quick firing guns and eight 47 in. quick-firing guns, and there will be besides an auxiliary armament of 22 3 pounder quick-firing guns. Five torpedo tubes will also be carried.

NAVY GAZETTE

Ordered.

FEB. 17.—Lieutenant Albert Gleaves at expiration of one month's leave to report for duty in the Bureau of Navigation.

FEB. 18.—P. A. Surgeon Eugene P. Stone, to duty at the Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.

FEB. 21.—Ensign A. H. Scales, to duty in charge of the Branch Hydrographic Office, Savannah, Ga.

FEB. 23.—Ensign P. O. Plunkett, from the San Francisco and granted leave for one month.

Detached.

FEB. 17.—Commander Geo. M. Book, from duty at the Navy-yard, New York, Feb. 23, and ordered to command the Alert, Asiatic Station, per steamer of March 14 next for San Francisco, Cal.

FEB. 20.—Assistant Engineer Wm. H. Alderice, from duty in the office of Naval Intelligence and ordered to duty in the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

Paymaster J. Q. Barton, from the *Minotomoh*, March 1 next, and granted leave for two months.

FEB. 21.—Lieutenant T. W. Ryan, from duty in charge of the Branch Hydrographic Office, Savannah, Ga., and ordered to the receiving ship *Franklin*.

Ensign Philip Andrews, from ordnance instruction at the Navy-yard, Washington, and ordered to duty in the Bureau of Ordnance.

Surgeon C. W. Gravatt, from duty at the Naval Hospital, New York, March 1 next, and granted leave of absence for three months.

Retired.

Chief Engineer R. B. Hine, from Feb. 20.

U. S. NAVY REGULATION CIRCULAR No. 122, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., Feb. 11, 1898, gives directions

for keeping the Navy Department fully informed as to the progress of work upon vessels under construction at Navy-yards.

U. S. NAVY REGULATION CIRCULAR No. 122, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., Feb. 13, 1898, modifies Par. 15 of Regulation Circular No. 85, relative to certifications for absence.

REVENUE MARINE SERVICE.

The U. S. revenue steamer *Hudson* was launched Feb. 16 from the shipyard of John H. Dialogue and Son, Camden, N. J. She will be used as boarding vessel in New York Harbor in place of the *Manhattan*. Her bows are strengthened with extra heavy plates and framing to resist the ice. The *Hudson* should be ready for service during the course of the next two months.

The Revenue Steamer *McLane*, has brought to the port of Key West, the disabled bark *Liberia*, with foretopmast, foretopgallant mast, mainmast, yards and rigging carried away during a gale on Feb. 4. The *Liberia* is from Sierra Leone, West coast of Africa, via Jamaica, with passengers for New York, and will sail when new spars arrive.

The Revenue Cutter *McLane*, with Capt. John F. Horn, Collector of Customs at Key West, on board, arrived off Panto Gorda on Feb. 16, and declared the port a sub-port of entry and delivery. A special deputy has been installed whose duty it is to enter and clear vessels directly from the Customs House at Panto Gorda.

July 21.—Capt. J. A. Henriques, ordered to report at the department.

Second Assistant Engineer E. F. Nash, detached from the *McLane* and assigned to the *Seward*.

First Lieut. John W. Howison, detached from the *Hamilton* and ordered to duty in the fifth life-saving station.

First Lieut. George H. Gooding, detached from the *Crawford* and assigned to the sixth life-saving station.

Second Lieut. O. P. Foley is granted leave of absence for twenty days.

THE MARINE CORPS.

THE addition of a marine officer (Capt. G. C. Reid) to the Board which is revising the regulations for the Navy, has given much satisfaction to the Marine Corps, which could never understand why it, representing one-fourth the effective strength of the Navy, should be omitted on such occasions. The action is credited to Secretary Tracy's sense of justice.

A large number of marines, many of them ex-non-commissioned officers, have been attracted to the Columbian Guards at Chicago by the higher compensation given. A movement is on foot to provide some better openings for worthy enlisted men than that of first sergeant, which terminates with the cruise of the ship. The Marine Corps has always been too modest in its demands, and has suffered accordingly.

Major Lowry, the quartermaster, and Capt. Manuix have lately experienced serious illnesses.

It is expected that a very creditable detachment will represent the Marine Corps at Chicago during the Exposition.

END OF THE VESUVIUS TESTS.

THE Board appointed to test the torpedo throwing pneumatic tubes of the dynamite cruiser *Vesuvius* have practically finished the trials, and while they have not made their report, the following are the conclusions they have reached:

The tubes have shown phenomenal accuracy of fire both while the ship was under way and at rest. Accurate plotting of 31 shots at 2,000 yards, from the starboard tube, showed that 24 would have struck directly a ship of the size of the cruiser *Philadelphia*, and the remainder would have hit her below the water line.

The Rapid fuse, as now presented for trial, was not satisfactory, failing absolutely to detonate wet gun-cotton. When slight changes necessary to make the fuse work properly have been made, a 10-inch torpedo, weighing 500 pounds and carrying 200 pounds of wet gun cotton, can be delivered anywhere between 1,000 and 2,000 yards with greater accuracy than can be given to any other torpedo, and the explosion of so great an amount of explosive will sink or disable any ship now afloat.

VOLUNTEER BREVETS.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

COLONEL FRY opposes volunteer brevets. He served as A. D. C. and in Provost Marshal General's Department during the war. He received three brevets. Cois. Shafter and Mason, 1st and 3d Infantry, entered the volunteer service in April and August in 1861, and served in the field till the end of the war. They received one and three volunteer brevets. Col. Fry wants to be recognized as brevet major-general conferred for "faithful, meritorious and distinguished services in the Provost Marshal General's Department during the war," while he wants to deprive Cois. Shafter and Mason of the benefits of their volunteer brevets of one grade only won on the field of battle. Recognition of volunteer brevets can do no possible harm to any person or the Service. What can be the motive of this opposition?

The Colonel says that volunteer officers in civil life are authorized to wear the uniform and be addressed by their highest brevet rank. So they are. But the volunteer officer now in the Army, on the active or retired list, is not. It may be said that unofficially and socially he is still entitled to his volunteer brevets. It need not be said that the volunteer officer in the Regular Army, whether on the active or retired list, will usually receive only what he is officially entitled to. When on the retired list, and associating with civilians, he is very naturally known only by his official title, so that the mere fact of entering the Regular Army deprives him practically of all the benefits of his volunteer brevet rank.

VOLUNTEER.

SECRETARY ELKINS has seen his way out of the contractors' quarrel, which has grown up around the bids for a three-million-dollar contract for removing two islands from Philadelphia Harbor, and to-day rejected all the proposals, by leaving the matter for his successor to settle by advertising for new bids.

Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

The meeting at the Hotel Ryan, St. Paul, Feb. 14, of the Minnesota Commandery of the Loyal Legion in honor of the memory of Abraham Lincoln was a notable one. There

was a large attendance and enthusiastic patriotism. General Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., the commander, was unavoidably absent on account of illness in his family. His introductory address was read in the course of which he said: "Not all of you have heard, perhaps, that the first commandery of the Loyal Legion was established in Philadelphia upon an impulse which grew out of the death of President Lincoln. In the midst of the grief of a mighty nation, mourning the loss of the greatest American of any age a few officers met together and resolved that they would organize a society to cherish the companionship and memories of the war and do honor for all time to the brave who had fallen, mightiest among whom was the martyr commander-in-chief of the army and navy. From this sprang the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, now with a commandery in nearly every state of the Union."

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

WEST POINT.

FEBRUARY 25, 1898.

The Hundredth Night Entertainment, which has recalled the expression just quoted, was the most interesting event of the past week to all. It was held in the Gymnasium Building, and attended by an audience numbering between five and six hundred persons. As foreboded by the opening address of Cadet Kutz, the howitzer has been gradually undergoing changes year by year to keep pace with the changes which have marked the intercourse between officers and cadets during the past few years. Everything which while it might create a laugh, at the same time give offence, has been omitted. The original comedy which constituted the second portion of the programme, was an amusing adaptation to the present time and place of "Trial by Jury." The character of the Judge was well sustained by Cadet Hazzard. The picture presented by the jury—Cadets Battle, D. W. Kilburn, Bigelow, Hinkley, Chittly, Miller, Ashburn, Burt, E. L. Klog, Roberts and Wansboro—disguised beyond recognition. The bridesmaids—Cadets Cadets H. A. Smith, Darrah, Kennington and Summerline, and Cadets Smedberg as usher and Lawrence as Court messenger, in the most brilliant of costumes conceivable—was well worthy of a camera. Cadet Augustin's make-up as a girl is always charming. As Angelina, the fair plainiff, he was captivating. Cadet Hughes' fine voice was heard with good effect in the defendant's song. The Judge's song by Cadet Hazzard was much applauded, and Cadet Hickley's song, with chorus, "McDerby's Bridge of Boats," was as popular as upon its first presentation last summer. Cadet McDonough's enunciation was put to the test, his elocution fairly bringing down the house, and a repetition of the performance being necessary in response to an enthusiastic encore.

The musical selections by the U. S. M. A. orchestra during the intermissions were excellent.

A paper was read by Lieut. R. P. Davis at the Officers' Mess on Friday evening.

Lieut. B. K. West reported for duty on Saturday. Lieut. West is accompanied by his son. Mrs. West and daughter will arrive at the Post later.

Lieut. C. H. Hunter, First Artillery, Mrs. Hunter, guests of Prof. and Mrs. Tillman, and Lieut. LeRoy S. Upton, Twenty-first Infantry, have been among recent visitors.

Cadet appointments for week ending Feb. 24:

James Van Rensselaer Eckerson, Huntington, 1st Dist., New York.

John S. Haley, Jr., Edina, 1st Dist., Mo.

Nathan E. Hutchens (alt.), Canandaigua, 25th Dist., N. Y.

Frank W. Cooley (alt.), Williamsburg, 11th Dist., Ky.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KAS.

THE progress of events, though a little later than usual, has at last brought us the detail of student officers for the new class. As it now numbers 44 it may be predicted that it will reach 50 before the class reports on Sept. 1. The new schedule for examinations for promotion is no doubt an influence in making the detail desirable.

Two weeks ago Capt. Kixie, 2d Inf., was here as a guest of Lt. Benham. Sunday evening he sang at the chapel and all who heard him were given a treat.

Lt. and Mrs. Perkins are enjoying a visit from their aunt, Mrs. Foster.

At last the bachelors are enjoying their new quarters in the new Hancock Hall. The building contains 34 sets of bachelor quarters. Each set consists of two rooms and a bath room and hanging closets. These quarters are so desirable that there are now only two sets vacant.

Thomas and McPherson Halls are vacated except by the few married student officers who live in them. If the time were not so short until they leave, they might select houses, as there are now several vacant. This is a good chance for the Q. M. to fix up for the next class, as they will probably need every room.

The Post Office has been moved again from the Administration Building to the south end of McPherson Hall. This will give the office more room, which it needed, but it is not so conveniently located now.

On Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 P. M. the first game of bridge was played under the instructions of Maj. Brown, 12th Inf., assisted by Lt. Barth. On this occasion Lt. O'Brien and Barnum were the contestants; after two hours time was called, as no further material progress was possible on either side. A game will be played by student officers every Friday afternoon and by post officers at such time as they may arrange. The games bid fair to be very popular, as many are anxious to avail themselves of Maj. Brown's instruction.

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On Monday evening last Col. and Mrs. Kline gave a very handsome reception to introduce their daughter, Miss Kathleen. It being Levee evening but few arrived before 9 p. m., but from 9 to 11 p. m. the house was thronged.

The same evening the enlisted men gave a masquerade ball in the new general mess hall. The room was too large, so only a part of it was used.

Lieut. Jamar returned last Sunday from Chicago and left again Thursday taking his family with him. He is on duty at the World's Fair.

Lieut. Lasseigne is all packed and ready to leave for Louisiana, where he has been given a college detail.

On Tuesday last, Mrs. Tully entertained a number of the ladies at lunch and cards. Lieut. having come in it is presumed that for the next six weeks there will not be so much gaiety, though the hope and small card parties will keep up.

On Friday Col. Townsend left for Milwaukee, taking his daughters with him. The young ladies will be gone for some time, but the Colonel only for a couple of weeks.

The Brooklyn *Citizen Almanac* for 1898, recently issued, contains a large amount of statistics and general information, which makes it valuable as a book of reference. A series of colored plates showing the various city wards and their boundaries is one of the features of the work.

In the March number of the *Century* will appear an account of Napoleon's voyage to Elba as told in the manuscript of Capt. Thomas Usher, the British officer in charge of the ship which carried the Emperor to his asylum in the Mediterranean. The manuscript was obtained from a grandson of Capt. Usher, and has never before been in print.

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spondent writes us: "It was Two Sticks, a rene-
gade. Old Two Strikes is now at this post, quite in-
dignant over the calumnies heaped upon him by
the newspapers. He now purposes being a 'good
Indian,' and the fact that his son, Arthur Two
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The only new fact the Congressional Committee
on the Panama Canal have brought to light
is that four leading New York banking houses
were each paid \$50,000 for eight years, \$400,000 in all,
or an aggregate of \$1,200,000 for what no one has
been able to discover. Mr. Seligman, whose house
was one of the recipients of this bounty, offered
General Grant, by authority of De Lesseps, a salary
of \$25,000 a year, which the President declined. Mr.
Thompson was more approachable. Mr. Nathaniel
Appleton also drew the modest annual salary of
\$4,000 from the Canal treasury. Precisely what these
gentlemen did, or were expected to do in return for
the money, does not appear. As the money was
taken from the pockets of the credulous small in-
vestors of France perhaps it might as well have
been wasted on them as in some other form of ex-
travagance.

The Spokane Review announces that General E.
Embrece Coy, of Canada, who recently renounced
allegiance to Uncle Sam, is temporarily sojourning
in Spokane, and has informed our contemporary
that he is in close communication by cable with the
War Office in London. In the event of war between
the United States and Great Britain, on account of
the proposed annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to
this nation, General Coy will, says the Review, have
command of all Her Majesty's forces in the Depart-
ment of Canada, with headquarters at Kaslo. The
distinguished soldier will in a few days leave for
Kaslo, there to await advices from London and
Windsor Castle.

THE CLEVELAND CABINET.

Mr. CLEVELAND on Wednesday evening an-
nounced that he had completed his Cabinet, which
is as follows:

Walter Q. Gresham, of Indiana, Secretary of
State.

John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, Secretary of the
Treasury.

Daniel S. Lamont, of New York, Secretary of
War.

Hilary A. Herbert, of Alabama, Secretary of the
Navy.

Hoke Smith, of Georgia, Secretary of the In-
terior.

J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, Secretary of
Agriculture.

Wilson S. Bissell, of New York, Postmaster-
General.

Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, Attorney-
General.

The selections for the War Department and the
Navy Department will certainly be satisfactory to
the Services. We have already spoken of Colonel
Lamont; his long experience in Washington and
his undoubted executive ability promise an able
administration of the War Department. That it
will be fair and impartial we have reason to be-
lieve from previous experience with him and with
Mr. Cleveland. It is too much, perhaps, to ex-
pect that we should rid the Army of favoritism of
all kinds, but our judgement is that the less we
have of the old soldier element in control of the
War Department the better it will be for the Ser-
vice. Too close affinity with individuals biases the
judgment, and when it comes to the Army it is the
civilians who are most free from it.

The choice of Mr. Herbert for the Navy Depart-
ment is a peculiarly happy one, and his selection
will be received with rejoicing throughout the
Navy, toward which he has shown so friendly a
disposition. He was born at Laurensville, S. C., on
March 12, 1834, removed to Greenville, Ala., in
1846, was educated at the University of Alabama
and the University of Virginia, and was admitted
to the bar just before the war. He entered the
Confederate service as a captain and afterwards
became Colonel of the 8th Alabama Regiment. He
was disabled at the battle of the Wilderness, in
1864. He removed to Montgomery in 1872, and in
1876 he was elected to Congress. He was re-elected
in 1878; 1880, 1882, 1884, 1886, 1888 and 1890. Mr.
Herbert was an active and able member of the
House, and was for some time chairman of the
Committee on Naval Affairs.

Concerning him the New York Evening Post
says: "Representative Herbert has a broader
knowledge of naval matters than any other Demo-
crat in the House and has gained his acquaint-
ance with them by hard work. This is the testi-
mony of naval men generally, regardless of party,
who have had to deal with Mr. Herbert in the Naval
Affairs Committee. His report on the Naval Ap-
propriation bill, just out, pays a well deserved
tribute to the success of the registration system for
the employment of laborers in the Navy-yards, a
measure which has not only added vastly to the ex-
cellence of the work done there, but has kept the
yards from being used with scandalous activity as
political agencies during a campaign. His willing-
ness to go out of his way to introduce this feature
into his report, although its immediate effect is to
compliment the Administration of a political foe, is
a fair measure of the downright honesty and
straightforwardness of the man, and his fearlessness
of the hostility of the cheap statesmen who are still
brooding over the decadence of the spoils system."

THE PROMOTION OF COLONEL OTIS.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has kept the promise made
nearly a year ago that Colonel E. S. Otis, 20th In-
fantry, should be appointed a brigadier-general
during the present Administration. The nomina-
tion was made to the Senate, vice General Carr, on
Monday last. It is understood that the President
seriously considered the recommendation of Gen-
eral Schofield for the appointment and immediate
retirement of Colonel Carlin, but fearing that the
dissatisfaction created by General Carr's involun-
tary retirement might result in opposition to Colo-

Colonel Carlin's nomination and thus endanger the chances of Colonel Otis's appointment, it was concluded to fulfill the promises made to the friends of the latter without further delay.

While it is probable that the friends in the Senate of General Carr will have something to say against the action of the Executive in forcing the vacancy to which Colonel Otis has been promoted, there will be no opposition to him personally, and his confirmation will undoubtedly follow. His brilliant record makes his appointment in every way a fit one and he should be promptly confirmed. We have expressed our sympathy with the view General Carr has taken of soldierly honor in his protest against his retirement. But he should stop there. For him, or for his friends in the Senate, to antagonize the promotion of Colonel Otis will do no good, and it will certainly lessen the dignity of General Carr's present position. Whatever may be thought as to the propriety of his enforced retirement the President was undoubtedly with his legal right in ordering it, and Colonel Otis is in no way to blame for it. Whatever the merits of others, there can be no question as to those of Colonel Otis. He is a good soldier, he has earned his promotion, and everyone should rejoice at his advancement; in spite of the regret that will be universally felt at the failure of Colonel Carlin to receive his much deserved reward.

Anticipating that the next Administration will make a rearrangement of Department commands, the new brigadier-general will probably not be assigned to a command during the present Administration. During the coming spring a general changing about among the brigadier-generals and assistant adjutants-general may be expected.

THE Columbian Naval Review will have its drawbacks if our naval officers are expected to provide for the entertainment of foreign guests. Our officers are hospitable and generous, but there are limits to even a naval income with its potentialities of prize money. When Admiral Farragut went abroad in command of the European Squadron, just after the war which made his great reputation, he expended all of the modest accumulations of a lifetime in responding to courtesies everywhere extended to him by royal personages, and others of the highest rank and position, who could not be taken into a corner and treated to crackers and cheese. General Hancock had a similar experience a few years before his death. It is not right to force a man, because he is in a public position, to pay the National debt out of his own pocket, even to the extent of providing hospitalities which are demanded of him, not in his personal but in his official capacity.

THERE are four vacancies at present on the limited retired list. Maj. E. W. Whittemore, 1st Inf., who is an applicant for retirement under the thirty year law, is said to be booked for one of them. There is plenty of available material for the other three vacancies, as will be seen from the following list of officers who have been found incapacitated by retiring boards: 1st Lt. George L. Converse, 3d Cav.; 1st Lt. Henry De H. Waite, 5th Cav.; Capt. Edward C. Knower, 3d Art.; Capt. Jos. H. Hurst, 12th Inf.; Capt. John P. Thompson, 5th Inf.; 1st Lt. Lewis Merriam, 4th Inf.; 1st Lt. Chas. A. Churchill, 5th Inf.; Capt. Alex. H. M. Taylor, 19th Inf.; Post Chaplains Sherman H. Merrill and John D. Parker. In addition to the above there are eleven officers who have been found physically disqualified for promotion, but cannot be retired until vacancies occur in the grades above them, so as to permit them to retire with the increased rank allowed by law.

We shall have to revise our opinion concerning the "Ladies' Union Mission School" if it is to make its annual reports the medium for such untruthful and slanderous statements concerning the Army as that appearing in the last annual report, as coming from an Army chaplain, whose name and post are discreetly withheld. He says:

"You could hardly find a more needy field for your work than the U. S. Army; a field sadly neglected, and almost entirely overlooked by the Christian world. Our difficulties and embarrassments are numerous and well nigh paralyzing. Less than one-third of our Army garrisons have any moral or re-

ligious services or helps at all, except an occasional service which really amounts to nothing. Think of seventy Army garrisons going the year round, year after year, without a single religious agency or privilege; soldiers spending the whole of their Army experience without the possibility of attending a religious service! Think of Army officers, spending with their families a life-time, without religious privileges, scarcely ever attending a religious service! Only thirty-four chaplains to one hundred Army garrisons!"

The writer of this may be a chaplain, but what he says is totally untrue all the same, as every one familiar with our Army can testify. They are not all Havelocks, but the average of religious sentiment is quite as high among them as in any community, or even as among the thirty-four chaplains who are here untruthfully presented as their sole source of religious instruction. At every garrisoned post in the land religious exercises of one sort or another are going on in the household and the closet or in such more open manner as may be practicable. And with regard to the lament, "Only thirty-four Army chaplains to one hundred Army garrisons," it is only a few weeks ago, in a paragraph referring to a sick leave granted to a post chaplain in the Department of Arizona, we found occasion to say: "This makes four out of the six chaplains assigned to the Department of Arizona on leave."

THE *Herald* discusses the question as to which shall guard Hawaii, our Army or our Navy. It suggests that batteries of artillery from the Pacific Coast are likely to be sent and that a standing army of natives should be formed with American officers to command. A *World* correspondent argues against annexation altogether as uniting us with an undesirable community and violating the Monroe doctrine, to which much of the strength of our internationality is due. He says further: "Far greater would be the evil in case of war. As England is by prescription our great bugaboo, let me suppose a war—if it be supposable—with that power. We could not hold Hawaii two weeks, and all the resources we might have accumulated there would go to the enemy. Why deceive ourselves? Do we want to rival the fleets of the great maritime nations for the sake of six or seven thousand miles of sugar lands and volcanoes and the citizenship of 60,000 of the worst semi-savages in the Pacific? If so the entire revenues of the island will be swallowed up fifty times over every year, and the pension list as a public charge will pale into insignificance. It is a pity that a thoughtless craze for foreign domination should threaten to weaken the Republic, but it will be a serious misfortune if we can find no public man strong enough to uphold the principles of our Government and to resist the dangerous fascination. By right of discovery the Hawaiian group is England's. Do our annexationists suppose that if it were of such value as they represent that nation would not have maintained its authority there from the first? The fact is no nation could annex it and strengthen it by the act."

THE Army Register for 1893 has finally made its appearance. Advance copies were received early in the week, and on Thursday the work of general distribution commenced. There is no change in the "make up" of the new book. It contains 427 pages, two more than the last Register, the increase being due to the "Medal of Honor" and "Certificate of Merit" lists. The list of casualties embraces sixteen resignations, fifty deaths and one desertion. The new Register is corrected up to Jan. 1. On that date the officers standing at the head of their respective grades, lineally, were: Cavalry—Col. Forsyth, Lieut. Col. Sumner, Maj. Bacon, Capt. Wheeler, 1st Lieut. Scott and 2d Lieut. Byron. Artillery—Col. Closson, Lieut. Col. Frank, Maj. Miller, Capt. Woodruff, 1st Lieut. Reilly and 2d Lieut. Davis. Infantry—Col. Shafter, Lt. Col. Hall, Maj. Combs, Capt. Ewers, 1st Lt. Geo. H. Roach and 2d Lt. H. A. Roach.

A "COMPANY commander" writes: "Thanks for your publication of correspondence on the subject of General Orders 80 and 81, of 1890, but won't you go a little further back and tackle General Orders 76 and 79, of 1890, and urge upon the new Administration the propriety of galvanizing the skeletons into life again—L and M in the cavalry and I and K in the infantry? We will forever hold you blessed if you do so."

THE 160th anniversary of the birth of George Washington happened on Wednesday of this week, Feb. 22, and was celebrated in the usual American patriotic fashion in all sections of the country. The next birthday anniversary which should not fall of public recognition is that of the late General Philip H. Sheridan, March 6.

THE ceremony of raising the American flag on the steamship *New York* *née* *City of New York* was a significant one, in spite of the fact that untoward events deprived the function of what were intended to be prominent features. The unpleasant weather and the delay in the arrival of President Harrison prevented the trip down the harbor. The *Howard Carroll*, with its crowd of distinguished guests, left the steamboat wharf at pier 43 N. R. at noon instead of at 11.30 A. M., and there was a further delay until nearly 2 o'clock awaiting the arrival of the Washington party to join the other guests on the *New York*. The President raised the flag as soon as he arrived on board, he was then taken into lunch, and afterwards presented himself to the assembled guests for a brief moment but said nothing. He then went aboard his tug and returned to Washington while the *Carroll* carried the New York party back to the city. Aside from the hoisting of the flag and a salute from the fort there was no public ceremonies but two brief speeches, one by Bourke Cochrane, M. C., and the other by the President. All the same, the *New York* has been admitted to American citizenship, and we can congratulate the enterprising gentlemen who control the "American Line," owning her and her sister ships, upon the prospects of successful competition with foreign rivals. They certainly deserve the good will and the patronage of those who want the best of everything upon the ocean, including the opportunity of having their children born, as some of our Army and Navy officers have been, at sea, ushered into the world under the shadow of the national flag. The American Line will have facilities superior to any for receiving and landing passengers at both ends of the route, and as the result of changes now making they will be able to dine all of their passengers at once, instead of compelling part of them to sit at a second and even a third table.

BROWNING'S "Americans of Royal Descent," recently noticed here, is a handsome volume of 732 pages, of which a limited edition was printed in 1882 and sold within a year. A second edition has been printed of which only a few copies remain unsold. These are for sale by Messrs. Porter and Coates, of Philadelphia, at \$15 per copy. Sample copies can be seen at Brentano's, New York; Little, Brown and Co., Boston; Robt. Clark and Co., Cincinnati; Cushing and Co., Baltimore; A. C. McClurg and Co., Chicago.

THE following have so far, we note, been ordered for examination by a Board in March for promotion to 2d lieutenant: Sergeant-Major F. E. Bamford, 2d Inf.; Sergeant J. R. Binn, Co. D, 7th Inf., and Pvt. Alvord Anderson, Troop G, 6th Cav. We shall give, from week to week, the additions to the list, as the orders are promulgated.

THE annual encampment of the U. S. A. R., Department of New York, took place at Syracuse this week. There was a large attendance of veterans.

RECENT DEATHS.

REAR ADMIRAL AUGUSTUS LUDLOW CASE, U. S. Navy, retired, a veteran of two wars, with a most distinguished record, died Feb. 17, at his home in Washington, D. C. He was born at Newburg, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1813, and was appointed midshipman in 1828. He was actively employed on various cruises and expeditions until the Mexican War, being then a Lieutenant, and took part in the capture of Vera Cruz, Alvarado, and Tabasco. He had charge of the beach and superintended the landing of the troops, ordnance, and stores for the investment of Vera Cruz. After the brig *Porpoise* had subjected Laguna Lieutenant Case was despatched in a "bungeo," having one of the *Porpoise's* guns in the bow, and with twenty-five men he moved up the Palisada River to the town of the same name, which he captured and held for a fortnight against a large body of cavalry. In 1855 he was promoted commander and in 1861 was assigned as Fleet Captain of the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron under Commodore Stringham. He continued with this fleet for two years under successive commands, taking part in the capture of Forts Clarke and Hatteras and Roanoke Island. In the attack on Sewell's Point, in May, 1862, he landed from his tug at Craney Island, which was heavily fortified, and hauled down a large rebel flag. His career until the close of the war, distinguished for zeal and ability of the highest order and after the war until retired Feb. 3, 1875, as Rear Admiral, which grade he attained in 1872, he maintained the same unbroken record, which, at date of retirement, gave to his credit a sea service of almost a quarter of a century. After retirement he made Washington his home and was noted for his charitable deeds. A correspondent writes: "When he found persons worthy he was a most generous provider, stocking households with coal and wood, market and grocery goods, blankets, shoes and clothing, and providing medical at-

tenance when it was needed. About two years ago his youngest son was drowned in a storm off the Rhode Island coast. This loss greatly saddened the Admiral's life, and he kept in retirement for some time. His own affliction, however, stimulated his sympathy for those in distress, and when he resumed his work among the poor it was on a scale more generous than before." He leaves a widow and a son. The remains were taken to Newport, R. I., where they were interred privately February 20, there being no naval display. The funeral party accompanying the body to the grave were Capt. E. O. Matthews, U. S. N.; Lieut. W. H. Schuetze, U. S. Navy; Dr. Jenkins, Lieut. Hodgkinson, R. I. National Rifles, and Messrs. Deering and Case.

MAJOR HENRY A. HAMBRIGHT, U. S. Army, retired, a gallant veteran, died February 19, 1893, at his home in Lancaster, Pa., aged seventy-four. The deceased officer saw service in the Mexican War, first as a noncommissioned officer and then as a lieutenant of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was mustered out July 12, 1848. He went to the front in April, 1861, as Captain of the 1st Pennsylvania Infantry, was appointed Captain of the 11th U. S. Infantry May 14, 1861, was appointed Colonel of the 79th Pennsylvania in October, 1861, and served with distinction during the war, receiving the brevet of Brigadier-General of Volunteers for his meritorious services, and the brevets of Major, Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel in the regular establishment for his gallantry at Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, and during the Atlanta campaign. In January, 1869, he was promoted Major of the 32d U. S. Infantry, the following March was transferred to the 19th U. S. Infantry and on May 6, 1879, he was retired from active service for disability incurred in the line of duty. The death of this veteran officer will be deeply regretted by many friends and comrades.

In Orders No. 24, Headquarters U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., Feb. 15, Col. Willson, Superintendent, says:

It becomes the painful duty of the Superintendent to announce to the officers and cadets of the U. S. Military Academy, the death of Prof. Wm. H. C. Bartlett, colonel, U. S. Army, retired. * * * As an author he stood in the front rank of the ablest scientific writers of his day, and his eminent ability was recognized by Princeton College and Geneva College, the former conferring upon him the degree of A. M. and the latter that of LL. D. He was one of the incorporators of the National Academy of Sciences and a member of several other scientific associations. From 1871 until 1879 he was Actuary of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. For more than a third of a century he presided over the important Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy of the U. S. Military Academy, and in 1887 with distinguished ability he established it on that high scientific basis which has ever since been its marked feature. The scientific attainments of the graduates of West Point during his professorship are the legitimate fruits of his great analytical power, his capacity for investigation in the higher domain of science, and his undoubted ability as an instructor—the three salient elements of his mental characteristics. An accomplished scholar, an eminent scientist, a courteous gentleman, an earnest, faithful, loyal soldier and citizen, he has left behind him a record for integrity and devotion to duty of which his Alma Mater may well be proud.

MR. WILLIAM H. MELVILLE, of the Texas State Geological Department, a brother to Chief Engr. George W. Melville, U. S. N., dropped dead Feb. 18 on the street in Austin, Tex., of heart disease.

MR. JAMES READE KEARNY, a brother of the late Gen. Philip Kearny, U. S. A., died Feb. 22, at the Windsor Hotel, New York City. He had for 56 years been in the employ of the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, and since 1869 had been its secretary.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR T. WOODS, formerly professor of Mechanical Engineering at Illinois State University and later Professor of Dynamite Engineering at Washington University, St. Louis, died at Chicago this week. He entered in the Naval Academy as a cadet engineer in 1876, was graduated in 1880 and afterwards resigned.

The funeral of the late Prof. A. T. Woods, of the R. R. Gazette, whose death was noticed recently at Chicago, was held at Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D. C., on Saturday last, Feb. 18. The interment was strictly private. Mrs. Woods is in Washington, and will remain until the opening of spring with her mother and sisters.

GENERAL ABRAHAM S. DALLY, the oldest survivor in the vicinity of New York, of the war of 1812, died at the home of his grandson, in Brooklyn, Feb. 15. Gen. Dally was in his ninety-eighth year, and until recently had been in very good health. Mr. Dally was born in New York City, Aug. 12, 1795. He served during the War of 1812 in the 11th N. Y. State Artillery and afterwards on the U. S. revenue cutter *Alert*. After the war he engaged unsuccessfully in business and then became a Pension Agent. Mr. Dally's last public appearance was at a meeting of the Directors of the War of 1812, held Aug. 1, 1892.

COLONEL GEORGE RUSSELL WADLEIGH, who died in London on Feb. 1, "was," says the *New York Tribune*, "one of the youngest, bravest and most loyal officers who faced the cannon's mouth on the battlefields of the War of the Rebellion. He served on the staffs of Generals Burnside and Willcox, through the seven days' battles of the Wilderness and many others. He afterwards went to Europe, fought through the Franco-German War and with the Carlist uprising. He received many serious wounds, from the effects of which and exposure to alien climates he never entirely recovered. He recently visited his native land, and was for several months, the guest of his former commander, Gen. Willcox, at the Washington Soldier's Home.

SLOWLY, but surely, the prominent military leaders of the war, on either side, are passing away. This week we have to announce the death of one of the most prominent Generals of the Confederate Army, formerly an officer of the U. S. Army—Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard, the last survivor but one of the Confederate military leaders who attained the rank of full General. He died Feb. 20, of heart failure, at New Orleans, the city near which he was born, May 28, 1818. He entered the Military Academy in 1834, was graduated—second in his class—in 1838, and was promoted to the 1st Artillery, and a few days afterwards to the Corps of Engineers. He served with ability and gallantry during the Mexican war and received the brevets of captain and major for gallantry at Contreras, Churubusco and Chapultepec. In 1853 he was promoted captain and served mainly in the South, until Jan. 23, 1861, when he was detailed Superintendent of the Military Academy, held the position until Jan. 25, and resigned Feb. 20, 1861. He offered his services to the Confederacy, soon attained high rank, and from that time forward until the close of the war his record as a Confederate leader is a matter of history. After the war he was engaged as a civil engineer, in 1866 was offered the chief command of the Army of Roumania but declined, and remained in New Orleans, one of its most honored residents. He was Adjutant-General of the State of Louisiana for some time and held other prominent civil positions. His name has been associated for many years with the Louisiana State Lottery. Gen. Beauregard was a man of charming personality, and his death has been the occasion of many demonstrations of respect and affection throughout the South. The body lay in state this week at New Orleans, and the funeral took place on Thursday with impressive solemnities.

LATE ARMY ORDERS.

Major J. R. Roach, to duty in the Dept. Platte, to assist in payments to end of the present month.

Leave for six months, with permission to go beyond sea, is granted Major J. H. Bartholf, Med. Dept.

The leave granted Lieut. John F. McBlain, 9th Cav., is extended one month.

1st Lieut. Charles Humphreys and Sedgwick Pratt, 3d Art., are ordered to exchange batteries.

Leave for three months is granted 1st Lieut. M. O. Hollis, 4th Inf.

Leave for six months is granted Maj. A. H. Bainbridge, 10th Inf.

ARMY NOMINATIONS.

Infantry arm.

Corpl. John F. Stephens, Company B, Eleventh Infantry, to be second Lieutenant.

Second Lieut. Henry C. Keene, Jr., Twenty-fourth Infantry, to be first Lieutenant.

Cavalry arm.

First Lieut. Edwin P. Andrus, Fifth Cavalry, to be captain.

Second Lieut. Jesse McI. Carter, Third Cavalry, to be first Lieutenant.

PATENTS FOR MILITARY INVENTIONS.

A selected list of patents reported especially for the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL, by Gleason and Co., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., all bearing date Feb. 23, 1893:

Ole H. J. Smith, Portland, Mich., cartridge filler.

George W. Chambers and Benj. F. Gruver, Bitter Water, Cal., reloader for cartridges.

Francis D. Mott, London, England, covering for ship's bottoms.

The announcement that an American syndicate, known as the San Domingo Improvement Co., has bought from Westendorp and Co., the Amsterdam bankers, the concessions which that house had received from the San Domingo Government, and by which it practically controlled the finances of that country, has attracted new attention to that country, and it is regarded as a prelude to annexation by the United States. Concerning this "Naval Officer" says in a letter to the *N. Y. Times*: "The annexation of San Domingo is a thing to be wished and hoped for by every patriotic American, and it is the writer's belief—founded on a large experience of the West Indies, and especially of Hayti and San Domingo—that the first step toward such a consummation has already been taken—by the American syndicate known as the San Domingo Improvement Company."

The Army Ordnance Office on Tuesday placed orders for 64 spring return carriages, on which will be mounted the 12 inch mortars intended for coast defense. Robert Foote, Son and Co., of Baltimore, will build 36 of the carriages at \$7,500 each, and the Builders' Iron Foundry, of Providence, R. I., will construct 28 carriages at \$8,810 each. Gen. Flagg held that it would not be wise to trust a firm who had never undertaken similar work with the fulfillment of the entire contract. The Builders' Iron Foundry has hitherto done this work for the Army.

COLONEL HORACE JEWETT, 21st U. S. Infantry, who has been ailing for some time past, and off duty, will try the efficacy of the treatment at Hot Springs, Ark.

MAJOR E. W. HALFORD, Paymaster, U. S. A., has been selected as disbursing officer of the American delegation to represent the case of the United States before the International Tribunal, which assembles this week in Paris, France, for the arbitration of the questions in controversy between the United States and Great Britain in connection with the sealing industries of Behring Sea. Major Halford will sail for Paris at once.

PAY INSPECTOR THOMAS T. CASWELL, U. S. N., is being examined for promotion this week by the same Board which was recently convened for the examination of Pay Insp. Stevenson. This is taken to mean that the President intends to nominate this officer to the vacancy in the grade of pay director over the head of Pay Insp. Stevenson. Both Boards, it is understood, reported in favor of the latter's promotion, but it is said that Secretary Tracy considers him morally unfit and will not recommend him to the President for nomination to the Senate.

WE have published an edition of the Infantry Drill Regulations with an appendix containing the interpretations of different paragraphs of the drill contained in the answers to correspondents of the JOURNAL. It is a handy volume of 3 pages, and is for sale for fifty cents, sent by mail prepaid. As these interpretations are the best obtainable solution of the difficulties which naturally arise in studying our new system of drill, they are essential to an intelligent understanding of the tactics now controlling the instruction of the Army and the National Guard. Concerning this volume an Army officer, in a letter to this office says: "I have received the copy of the Drill Regulations with the interpretations by Lieut. French placed as an appendix. I find this arrangement a very handy one, and the book is thereby rendered very valuable to me or to any one who must study the Drill Regulations carefully. The ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL deserves the thanks of all concerned in its efforts to place the new Drill Regulations and their true meaning before the American soldiery."

THE nominations of Capt. Kirby and Lieut. Dapray are still pending in the Senate Military Committee. They were further discussed at the meeting this week, the opposition to both being quite marked, and sufficient to prevent their being reported to the Senate for the present. Owing to the lateness of the session this delay is dangerous, though the active efforts of Lieut. Dapray's friends may result in getting a bare majority vote in his favor if a full attendance of the committee can be obtained. A favorable report was made by the committee on the nomination of Col. Otis. There was no opposition, though several Senators took occasion to express their displeasure over the method pursued in creating the vacancy to which he had been appointed.

THE San Francisco Call states that a communication was sent to the War Department by well-meaning people at Angel Island declaring that the soldiers there had no religious services and were famishing for "Bread of Life."

The clerk in the War Department whose duty it was to open the correspondence received each day, hastily glanced at the papers and indorsed on the same:

"Lack of bread at Angel Island, Department of California, Division of the Pacific."

His assistant, whose duty it was to indorse the reference to the appropriate bureau for investigation, after drawing a line in red ink under his chief's writing, wrote:

"Respectfully forwarded to the Commissary General's Department for examination and report."

The Commissary General, upon examining the document, discovered its true purport and returned the paper to the honorable the Secretary of War, with the information that the kind of bread for which the requisition had been made was not included in the Regular Army bill of rationing.

In due time the curious document was transmitted to General Ruger, commanding the Division of the Pacific, with instructions to investigate the facts connected with the alleged spiritual famine at Angel Island, and to report whether any relief could be extended to the soldiers who were hungry for the "bread of life."

The result was an order to the chaplain at the Presidio to hold a semi-monthly service at Angel Island alternating with clergymen from San Francisco. This compels the captain and crew of the Q. M. steamer *McDowell* to lose their Sunday off, and at the service on Sunday, Feb. 12, according to the Call, out of a population of 700 only eleven persons were in attendance, and these included four civilians who went over in the boat with the chaplain from San Francisco.

SEVERAL ladies and gentlemen of San Francisco gave a performance of an original comic opera, "His Majesty," on Feb. 8 at the Grand Opera House in that city, for the benefit of the San Francisco Polytechnic. In the cast, as Donna Bettl Martin, Prima Donna of a Comic Opera Company, was Mrs. L. Brechemin, wife of Captain L. Brechemin, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., stationed at the Presidio. The *Argonaut*, referring to the performance, says: "In this rendition of typical Italian aria, Mrs. Brechemin scored the success of the evening. She really gave a capital piece of character acting. Her imitation of the vocalization of a prima donna, coupled with her ridiculously natural gesticulation, would have done credit to a clever professional. Mrs. Brechemin possesses that most unusual gift for a woman—a sense of humor. The peculiar sob in the voice in harrowing moments, the famous gesture where the singer in frenzy clutches her ears, the well-known impassioned pressing of one clenched fist upon her breaking heart, and the old, reliable, serpentine shiver which seems to pass through the performer like one large sized, concentrated chill—all were there, just as we have learned to know them from long acquaintance with the stage manners of Patti, Nilsson, Scalotti, Nevada, Valda, and all the rest of the noble army of singers."

ORDNANCE SERGEANT JOHN BECKER, U. S. A., retired, a veteran, and worthy soldier, committed suicide at Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 21. He was unmarried. The remains were interred at Cypress Hills National Cemetery, Feb. 23.

THE regular open meeting of the United Service Club, 16 West 31st Street, for this month, will be held on Saturday Evening, Feb. 25, at 8:30 o'clock. A paper will be read by Comdr. J. W. Miller, Commanding 1st Battalion, Naval Militia, State of New York, entitled "The Naval Militia."

THE following Army officers registered at the War Department this week: Col. H. L. Abbott, Engrs.; Henry W. Abbott, 4th Art.; Maj. Clifton Comly, Ord. Dept.; Capt. C. C. Morrison, Ord. Dept.; Lt. Col. J. W. Clous, J. A.; Capt. Horace Neide, 4th Inf.; Lt. Col. W. B. Marye, Ord. Dept.

ORDNANCE NOTES.

The misplaced jacket on the 15-inch gun at the Washington Navy-yard was successfully moved and placed in its proper position on Tuesday last.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Standard* is informed that the experiments undertaken to test the use of smokeless powder with the Austro-Hungarian steel-bronze field guns have given complete satisfaction to the military authorities. Consequently, it will not be necessary to change the pattern of the field artillery, with the exception of some trifling alterations, such as stronger friction fuses. The experiments were begun in 1890, and the difficulties have only just been overcome.

The Bethlehem Iron Works and the Carnegie Steel Co. were the only competitors for the 6,344 tons of armor required for the new ships, bids for which were opened at the Navy Department Feb. 14. The formal awards have not yet been made. According to the bids, however, the Bethlehem Iron Works, which is so admirably equipped for the work, will receive the contract for nearly all the heavy armor. Their bids on all the classes on which they were the lowest aggregate \$2,010,179, or \$2,203, 866 if Harveyized. The lowest bids of the Carnegie Company was principally for the thinner plates. On the classes on which they were the lowest their bids aggregate \$1,636,195 for nickel steel, or \$1,862, 896 if Harveyized. The lowest prices of each firm ranged from \$525 to \$650 per ton for nickel steel according to shape of plate; Harveyized from \$575 to \$675 per ton.

The new German artillery is said to be the most terrible war instrument ever produced. During the Franco-German War it was considered effective shooting if splinters from a shell were thrown within a circuit of 40 or 50 paces, and seldom more than seven or eight men were wounded. The new weapon has much greater destructive power. Experiments made deeply interested the experts, the Kaiser being present. The first shot, fired at a target placed 50 paces from a wood, missed the target, but ploughed its way through the wood for 1,500 feet. Soon after a large area of the wood was seen to be ablaze. The shell was charged with a powder, the composition of which is the secret of the German Government. The splinters of a shell burst by the new powder cover a circle of 900 ft. A shell fired at an enormous target, covered it with thousands of holes. A battery of the new artillery would, it is asserted, annihilate an entire division, once the range was found. The barrel of the new guns is made of cast-steel. The calibre is eight centimetres, and the total weight of the gun, limber, and carriage is slightly less than at present. The mobility of the field artillery will thus be increased enormously. The new arm is loaded and fired in one-third of the time required in working the old gun, and the effect and precision are almost double. The carriage and limber is of iron and ironplate. The carriage is supplied with a brake, which counteracts the recoil, the process of loading and firing being thus materially simplified. The limber-box is open behind near the gun when in action so that the projectiles can be served out from the limber and ammunition wagon with greater rapidity. Another important feature is the ammunition. Like the rifle cartridges, it consists of one piece. Ignition is produced by a "ready fuse," and the four kinds of projectiles at present in use—shell, explosive shell, shrapnel, and grape shot—give place to a uniform projectile, which possess the combined characteristics of shell and shrapnel. Explosive shell alone is used. Thus the possibility of a gunner mistaking one projectile for another in the heat of battle is averted, while the loading, aiming, and firing, besides being quicker, is surer and unattended by danger. In short, the new German field-gun is simply an enlarged rifle.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

The inauguration of the Corinth Canal has been fixed for April 23. As soon as the canal is opened to the public La Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes will establish a line for Patras and other ports of Greece.

SEVERAL papers in Europe have recently stated that the Czar of Russia intends to assume the title of Emperor of Asia. The rumor, however, is not generally credited.

FORWARDS of 1,400 specimen cycles are exhibited at the National Cycle Show, at the Crystal Palace, London. The exhibitors include the largest and most eminent cycle manufacturing firms in the kingdom.

The former German Minister of State, Prof. Delbrück, in the "Preussische Jahrbücher," argues that if the pending army bill should fail, the prestige of the Emperor and of the Federal Council, representing the allied Sovereigns and Sovereign States of Germany, would be perhaps fatally and irretrievably damaged. Nor can the bills be withdrawn at the present time without equally disastrous consequences.

A FRENCH correspondent says: "Gen. Delebecque (formerly commandant of 17th and 5th Army Corps) was drowned Feb. 1, at Vincennes. He was born March 28, 1824, graduated from St. Cyr in 1845, commissioned 2d lieutenant in the 'Foreign Legion,' took part in several African campaigns, was wounded before Sebastopol and at Magenta, distinguished himself in Mexico, made prisoner at Metz, and on his release took part against the Commune."

The London *Army and Navy Gazette* says: "The past year has been in many respects a noteworthy one from an engineering point of view in the Royal Navy; it is a matter for regret that the memories evoked by its name are so little satisfactory. Many ships have been completed and many engines have been tried with varying measures of success—according to official reports. But we may state at once that the machinery of no fighting ship has been subjected to such a test as to satisfy the public of its trustworthiness in time of emergency or of its capacity to keep the sea at a high speed for a week; still less as to what maximum speed for that period it might safely be counted on to attain."

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS—SECOND SESSION

It is the old story. Adjournment day near at hand, calendars crowded to overflowing with important measures, appropriation bills in a backward state, every member demanding a hearing for his pet measure—and the 4th of March arrives with nothing to show for all the talk and fuss except the appropriation bills. Army and Navy legislation falls to the ground with the thousand other measures on the calendars of the two Houses.

There is scarcely any chance for any service legislation beyond the little contained in the appropriations bills during the remaining week of the session. Had Messrs. Outwaite and Herbert succeeded in getting a night session for the consideration of measures reported from their respective committees there would have been some chance for the Artillery-Infantry Increase bill, the Revenue Marine Transfer bill and other military and naval measures in an advanced stage, but since the Committees on Rules denied the requests for this purpose both gentlemen have abandoned all hope of the passage of any of the bills under their charge.

Very little of interest to the Services has transpired during the present week. The conference report on the Army appropriation bill was adopted by the Senate on Wednesday after some discussion about the action of the Senate conferees in omitting from the bill the amendment reducing the rank of the Chief Signal Officer. The House agreed to the report on Thursday.

The Sundry Civil bill was passed by the Senate on Wednesday. All the amendments of interest to the Services reported by the Appropriation Committee heretofore noted in the JOURNAL were adopted, and in addition an amendment appropriating \$100,000 toward the construction of buildings at the new military post near Helena, Mont. The Naval Appropriation bill is now under consideration by the Senate Committee on Appropriations. It is understood that the Committee will amend the bill to provide for the expenses of the naval review and for several additional vessels. The Military Academy bill was passed by the Senate on Thursday.

For the first time in many years the Naval Appropriation bill was passed by the House on Monday without debate or amendment. The reading of the bill, with a brief explanation of its provisions by Chairman Herbert, and a few remarks by Mr. Boutelle against summary action, were the only preliminaries to putting the important measure on its final passage. The motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill was agreed to by a vote of 160 to 20.

The following is the text of the bill just reported by the House Naval Committee concerning the voluntary retirement of naval officers after 30 years' service:

That section 1443 of the Revised Statutes be amended to conform to sections 1243 and 1623 of the Revised Statutes, and shall read as follows:

"Sec. 1443. When any officer of the Navy has been forty years in the service of the United States he may be retired from active service by the President, upon his own application. When an officer has been thirty years in service he may, upon his own application, in the discretion of the President, be so retired, and placed on the retired list."

In his report on the above bill Mr. Herbert says: The purpose of the bill is to place naval officers on the same footing in so far as regards the right to retirement as officers of the Army. There are occasionally cases in which the interests of the Service would be promoted by the retirement of officers who, after an experience of thirty years, find themselves so ill-adapted to the Service that they would, if permitted, voluntarily retire, although they may be physically and mentally able to pass examinations entitling them to promotion. At present such officers float along from grade to grade until the time comes when they can be retired under the forty years' clause, thus blocking the way and impeding the promotion of better and more efficient junior officers who find the Service congenial to them and are really fitted for command. It is understood that in the Army not many are found to take advantage of this thirty years' provision, and it is presumed that this will be the case in the Navy. The operation of the law has been found beneficial in the Army, and the Secretary of the Navy has recommended the passage of this bill.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

S. 3853, McMillan. Provides for a Regular Army reserve to consist of not more than three battalion regiments of 1,170 enlisted men to each State in the Union, said enlisted men to be composed of any man who has served not less than three years in the Regular Army or Marine Corps, and honorably discharged therefrom, who is physically able to perform field service, and to be officered by officers of the U. S. Army, retired, appointed by the Secretary of War; *Provided*, That said officers shall not be of higher grade than officers of the active Army commanding the same number of men, brigade, regiment, or company.

The Secretary of War shall have power to issue such orders as he may think proper for their concentration for drill and such other duties as he may require them to perform. While under such orders they shall be subject to the same military laws as those of the active Army.

While serving under such orders the officers and enlisted men shall receive full pay of their rank provided for the active Army; *Provided*, That they shall not receive any additional pay by reason of their length of service in the reserve.

The pay of the enlisted men when not on duty shall be one fourth of the pay of their grade, as provided for the same rank in the active Army, and such clothing and allowances as the Secretary of War may think proper for their use in service. They shall be paid by check from the United States Pay Department quarterly, from muster and pay rolls prepared by the company commanders.

When any enlisted man shall have served in the reserve, together with the time served by him in the active Army, to make up the full time required by law for the retirement of other enlisted men, he may make application to the President and be placed on the retired list for enlisted men of the Army, as provided for said retirement.

The President may think proper, not to exceed a battalion for each State, of one-half the number of the Army reserve; they shall be composed of men who have served not less than three years in the Navy and been honorably discharged therefrom, and who are physically able to perform naval duty; they shall be officered by officers of the United States Navy, retired, appointed by the Secretary of the Navy. The officers and enlisted men of the Navy reserve shall be subject to the same laws, while under orders, as those of the active Navy, and shall receive full pay of their grade while under orders.

Sec. 2. That the pay of the enlisted men shall be one-fourth of the pay of their naval grade, as provided for the Regular Army reserve, and such clothing and allowances as the Secretary of the Navy may think proper for their use in service, and they shall be entitled to the same privilege of retirement as herein provided for the Regular Army reserve.

S. R. 153, Cullom. Transferring the exhibit of the Navy Department, known as the model battleship *Illinois*, to the State of Illinois, as a naval armory for the use

of the naval militia of the State of Illinois, on the termination of the World's Columbian Exposition.

H. R. — Amendment to the Naval Appropriation bill reported from the Committee on Naval Affairs. Appropriates \$3,833.31 to reimburse Major Green Clay Goodloe, paymaster, U. S. M. C., for money stolen by his clerk, who committed suicide.

ARMY BREVETS.

To the Editor of the *Army and Navy Journal*:

REFERRING to your editorial in the edition of your valuable paper of Feb. 11, on the subject of making the volunteer brevets regular brevets, I say let them have the brevets; but I would suggest that they all be made Generals. This ridiculous distinction, where by law they cannot be officially addressed by brevet titles, is odious in the extreme to those seeking the favor of Congress. We have "Cracker Generals," "Mule Generals," and "Paregoric Generals" for services rendered in an office chair or on a camp stool "far from the madding crowd," and if it flatters the vanity of the wearer of the title to impose upon the public by being called "General," why on earth shouldn't the dear public be gulled?

In the list of officers you mention to be affected by the bill we notice the name of one whose military record shows that he was in one battle and one action during the entire war as a captain of volunteers, and under the bill proposed he would have the title of General, while one of his field officers, whose present rank and brevet is that of major, was in 15 of the greatest battles of the war, and was recommended seven times for gallantry in action; but he was, like many others, "sat upon" by a Board in Washington, which concluded that two paltry brevets on the rank they then held in the Regular Service was enough for line officers, whether in the field or out of it.

Yes, I say, make them all Generals by brevet, and then, possibly, the weight of honor might be so heavy that they will sink under the load and give us genuine promotion.

POOH BAH!

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY, 1893.

ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY.

To the Editor of the *Army and Navy Journal*:

WE have just read the provision of the Artillery and Infantry Reorganization bill, as reported to the House from the Military Committee. We have advocated a reduction of the number of infantry regiments to 20, but we supposed each to have a complete three battalion organization. There would then be only five colonels and five lieutenant-colonels as supernumerary officers instead of 60 or 70 or more. Why have so many supernumerary officers? Why not adopt an organization that will not cost the Government a cent more than, nor as much as, it's paying now? The twenty regiment organization would absorb all the supernumerary officers except the field officer. So would the twenty-one regiment organization if each regiment were given 12 or 14 1st lieutenants and 12 2d lieutenants, in other words a complete organization.

The "snake in the grass" is still to be found in the shape of the provision to allow the President (commanding general) to "organize each regiment into such a number of companies and battalions, composed of such number of officers and men as he may desire or direct." That means skeleton companies whenever the general commanding the Army may see fit. The substitute bill reported from the Military Committee has some good features, but as a whole, together with the original Senate bill (2170), should be opposed by all who are honestly in favor of the "efficiency" of the line of the Army, particularly the infantry. If some of the things that have been done were, and that it is now proposed to do are, for the benefit of the efficiency of the Army, we would like to ask what there is, or will be, left for any one to do who wishes to impair its efficiency. It's passing strange that the infantry cannot have a complete organization even with a reduced number of regiments. "TWENTY."

THE CANTEN QUESTION.

To the Editor of the *Army and Navy Journal*:

REFERRING to your remarks about the canteen or exchange, in connection with Col. Corbin's report, permit me to say that the officers and men of the line are much more interested in this question than anybody else. The Army has looked on in astonishment for some years while the staff assisted the Secretary of War to reform it.

We never knew how very bad we were until the Associated Press began announcing what wonderful things this or that adjutant-general was going to change. Now, in all candor, the canteen was started during the reform period, when young soldiers were a little "rattled" about getting so much encouragement to look upon their company officers as mortal enemies, and the new administration as their personal friends.

Now, the canteens are fairly well established, and except where they have been poorly conducted, have been of great benefit in cheapening everything the men buy, and improving the messes very much.

As to intoxication, it is susceptible of easy proof that no canteen is responsible for any cases of delirium tremens, or prolonged spree, and this is where all our troubles came when the traders had full sway.

At this point there is little perceptible difference between pay day and any other day, and no one questions the value of the canteen since it keeps down prices of the trader and outside stores.

The sentiment in favor of employing civilian bar-keepers is quite general, and perhaps civilian help can be substituted throughout the canteen in the future.

Remember that enemies of the system are apt to be more active than its friends. The writer was not favorably inclined to canteens at first, but success and good management have attended those which have come under his notice, and proven results are more valuable than abstract theories.

FORT NIobrARA, NEB., Dec. 4, 1892.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. H. G.—An acting hospital steward is to be assigned to the post you mention.

E. D. asks: When will there be a vacancy in the Naval Academy represented by the 1st, 2d and 3d Districts, respectively, of Minnesota? **Ans.**—All three will be vacant in 1895.

J. C. asks the name of the cadet representing the 5th Congressional District, of New Jersey, and the class in which he is now standing at the U. S. Naval Academy. **Ans.**—M. L. McGrew, 1895.

S.—For position of hospital steward, U. S. Army, a knowledge of the general principles of materia medica, therapeutics and minor surgery, and the administration of anesthetics is essential.

A Reader asks: Who is the cadet at West Point from the 7th District of Mississippi, and when does the next vacancy occur for that district? **Ans.**—N. F. L. Applewhite, who graduates in 1896.

O. D. H. asks when a vacancy will occur at West Point and Annapolis for the 2d Florida District; also the names of the present cadets. **Ans.**—S. R. Childs, just appointed. If admitted, will graduate in 1897.

S.—If you look on the last page of G. O. 79, A. G. O., 1892, you will find a list of questions as to individual records of enlisted candidates for commissions. It is not required that a candidate should be a native born citizen of the U. S.

W. F. asks: Is a man, who was discharged by order after four years' service, and again enlists as a recruit, entitled to purchase his discharge, if his service has been faithful? **Ans.**—Yes, if the application is made within the specified period.

M. M.—It is not customary to reduce non-commissioned officers who are going on furlough, with a view to discharge, under G. O. 80, of 1890, nor would we think a N. C. O., asked by his company commander to resign his warrant under such circumstances, liable to trial for declining to do so.

O. H. A. asks: When will there be a vacancy for a cadetship to West Point or Annapolis in the 10th Texas District, of which Congressman Paschal is the present Congressman, and when there will be a vacancy in Congressman Randall's District of Massachusetts for either of them? **Ans.**—10th Texas to West Point will be vacant in 1896; now vacant for Naval Academy, 1st Massachusetts to West Point will be vacant in 1897—Navy in 1896.

Reader asks: Can Army officers, according to the bill passed in August, 1892, be detailed for special duty in connection with the World's Exposition at Chicago, on any other than the Government's exhibit, if the Exposition authorities should desire an officer for duty in any department? **Ans.**—Yes. The law authorizes the Secretary of War, "at his discretion, to detail for special duty in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition, such officers of the Army as may be required." This is general in its terms.

THE TEN YEARS' ENLISTMENT ACT.

CHAIRMAN JOSEPH H. OUTHWAITE, of the House Military Committee, has written the Kansas City *Times* in relation to the substitute and the causes that brought about its adoption as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.

When the Army bill came to the House with the Senate amendments concerning re-enlistments I had it referred to the Committee on Military Affairs instead of moving non-concurrence, and thus placing it at once into conference. This I did for the purpose of having the committee consider the important amendments put on by the Senate. The committee invited the views of the Adjutant-General's office, which, as you know, controls the subject of enlistment. After a thorough consideration of the whole subject the House committee concluded to recommend the following substitute for the Senate amendment:

* * * And hereafter, in time of peace, * * * no pri-

vate shall be re-enlisted, who has served ten years or more, or who is over 35 years of age, except such as have already served twenty years or upward, and excepting also, such specially desirable privates as the Secretary of War shall, after inquiry, authorize to be re-enlisted for the positive benefit of the public service.

The House committee also recommended a concurrence in the amendment of the Senate increasing the pay of sergeants, the purpose of the two amendments being to increase the importance of the non-commissioned officers mentioned, and to add inducements for the enlistment of highly qualified men to compete for the distinction and emoluments attached to these places. You are probably aware that 20 per cent. of the usual complement of the enlisted men in our Army are non-commissioned officers and it may be fair to assume as a general military proposition that men who fail to reach a non-commissioned grade in ten years are not especially desirable as soldiers. With the provision that in exceptional instances where the retention of a man as a private would be of material advantage to the Service, if in the discretion of the Secretary of War his application should be approved, the House committee were of the opinion that not only the best interests of the Service but also of the nation would be conserved by the amendments, and moved to concur as above given.

Very truly yours, JOS. H. OUTHWAITE.

THE STATE TROOPS.

Twelfth New York—Colonel H. Dowd.

REVIEW, parade, regimental drill, promenade concert, and reception was the order of events given at the armory on the evening of Feb. 21, and was a marked success in every detail. The military portion of the programme was especially noteworthy for its excellence, and demonstrated plainly that the regiment is in a first class condition of drill and discipline. The steadiness of the men and general appearance of the command was never better, and reflects great credit on every officer and man in the regiment. Promptly at 8.15 assembly was sounded, and a few minutes later companies were formed, and Adj. Wainwright had the equalization of twelve companies of 12 files made. The regiment was divided as follows: 1st Battalion, Maj. Leonard; Lt. Paine, adjt. 2d Battalion, Capt. Burns; Lt. Warren, adjt. 3d Battalion, Capt. Content; Lt. Smith, adjt. As per programme, first adjutant's call sounded at 8.30, the battalions forming simultaneously in three lines in 1 min. and 40 seconds. At second adjutant's call a handsome formation in line of masses was effected in 2 minutes and 20 seconds for review by Brig.-Gen. B. M. Whitlock, I. G. R. P. Parade followed, the regiment forming in line and, like the preceding ceremony, was all that could be desired. All the formations were effected without a hitch of any kind, distances and intervals were correctly maintained, dressings prompt, and manual well executed, except order arms, pieces being grounded very heavy. Badges to 31 sharpshooters and 309 marksmen were presented, after which came a short battalion drill, exceptionally well executed, and just about long enough to make the large audience wish for more. The movements executed were as follows: Column of fours, column of masses, change direction by the left flank, took full distance and came to a halt, companies right forward fours right, column of masses, deploy column of masses in three lines, column of fours, first battalion fours right, line of masses, column of masses, front into line of masses, column of fours. Following a most acceptable promenade concert by the regimental band, came an enjoyable dance of twelve numbers. The entire affair, both military and social, was the best the regiment has given in some time. Among the many guests present were ex-Insp.-Gen. T. H. Barber, Gen. Ward, Capt. Thurston, Major Crocker and others. The committee of arrangements were Capt. Chas. J. Selter and J. Nelson Borland, Lieuts. H. G. Paine, F. D. Gallatin and Geo. L. Baker, Jr.

22d New York.—Colonel John T. Camp.

A very useful little pamphlet has been issued from Regimental Headquarters, to the officers and men of that command, relative to the extended order drill. The methods described illustrate the various movements in the extended order, which were employed by the Provisional Battalion in command of Col. J. T. Bates, U. S. Army, at the New

York State Camp from July 30 to August 5, 1892. The movements of the Squad, Section and Platoon in extended order are given, as well as those of the company extended, and the Battalion extension. The want of a suitable desk while the regiment was on active service last summer, was sorely felt in the Adjutant's Office, not only of this, but in other regiments as well. Profiting by the experience, Adjutant Hart, on his return to New York, at once set to work to construct a portable desk suitable for knocking around in the field, and containing the necessary pigeon holes for papers, places and for books, etc. This desk is now completed, and is always kept ready with the necessary papers, so that it can be shipped at a moment's notice. It is handy to transport and weighs, irrespective of contents, about 75 pounds. Adjutant Hart feels justly proud of his handiwork, which will render the keeping of valuable records, etc., in the field much easier and help correctness. Company 1, Capt. Bostwick, gave a very enjoyable stag at Mazzetti's on the evening of Feb. 18. There were a number of special entertainers, together with an adequate supply of eatables and drinkables. The production of "H. M. S. Rushmore" at the Manhattan Athletic Theatre, Tuesday, Feb. 23, by Co. C, Capt. Lillendahl, has caused quite a demand for tickets. 2d Lieut. W. H. Carter, Co. 1, was unanimously elected 1st Lieut. on Feb. 20.

Twenty-third N. Y.—Col. J. N. Partridge.

The athletic club of the regiment entertained a large audience on the evening of Feb. 18, at its armory, where an original military farce-comedy, entitled "A Trip to Buffalo," was presented. The play was based upon scenes and incidents attending the encampment of the regiment at the Wagner car shops in Buffalo during the railroad strike last summer. The stage manager was Lieut. Edward J. Kraft, of Co. D. He was assisted by R. A. Willard, of Co. K, and W. T. Mylotte, of Co. C. Major Spencer, surgeon of the regiment, also took a very active part in the production, which reflected much credit on all concerned.

There was lots of fun. Opportunities were given for the display of the abilities of some of the members of the Athletic Association. Sergt. H. A. Davidson and Corp. H. S. Rushmore gave an exhibition of bayonet drill, and Regimental Trumpeter O. A. Renne and Lieut. Pennington showed what they could do with the bayonet opposed to sabre. Co. K's quartette furnished vocal music. There was also music by mandolins, guitars and banjos, and athletic exhibitions by well-known amateurs, etc.

Forty-seventh New York.—Colonel Eddy.

A CONCERT, review and regimental parade and reception were held at the Armory on Tuesday evening, Feb. 21. A pleasant innovation was the concert before the ceremony. First call 8.15, assembly 8.22, men were slow in reporting, in the neighborhood of 50 men reporting after the assembly. The companies fell in double rank, which is the only correct way of forming. Entirely too much "yelling" in counting fours in Co. F. During the alignment in "open ranks" some men raised the left arm and others did not. At command "inspection arms" the men fix bayonets, return to the order and then open boxes with the right hand, and boxes are not closed until inspected. Also after inspection the bayonet is unfixed and the piece is then returned to the order. First sergt. call 8.33, took adjutant ten minutes to make up the equalization, which was 10 commands of 16 files into two battalions, as follows: 1st Battalion, Major W. R. Pettigrew, Adj. 1st Lieut. H. C. Lyon, Coy. A, Sergt.-Maj. Koch; 2d Battalion, Capt. W. H. Eddy, Adj. 1st Lieut. Olden, Co. B, Sergt.-Maj. Dixon. We noticed a qmr.-sergt. as color-bearer, while the D. R. is silent on this point, it does not seem to be quite the proper thing as they are in no sense a duty sergeant. A sergeant in Co. E, in reporting with detail to the adjutant and also with detail to the extra company, had his piece at a carry and the detail was at a "shoulder." His piece should conform to that of his detail. The extra company made up from F and details from other companies were badly sized. Adjutant's call for "review" 8.52. Half an hour between assembly and adjutant's call is entirely too much time. Formation was in two lines, 3d and 4th Cos., 1st Battalion, with too much distance, which crowded the 5th Co. The regiment was turned over to the colonel from this formation. In all formations into line of masses, whether by a simultaneous or successive movement, the adjutant or ser-

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Co. G, 8th Regt., are commended for their soldierly conduct. In the case of Maj. George A. Conneland, 8th Regt., charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and prejudicial to the service while in camp at South Framingham; also with like conduct at Gloucester, and with disobedience of orders and neglect of duty at camp July 11 to 18, inclusive, the court is of the opinion that the charges are not sustained by the evidence.

The court feels impelled to say that, from the facts presented in this and other cases investigated by it, there is a serious lack of harmony among the officers of the regiment, a failure to treat the most serious offences against military law in a manner in any way commensurate with their magnitude, and such confused ideas of discipline as to lead to a serious doubt whether, under existing conditions and officership, the 8th Regiment can possibly assume the position in the ranks of the militia to which its material justifies it. And the court is clearly of the opinion that there should be at once a thorough and complete reorganization of this regiment.

NORTH CAROLINA.

BRIG.-GEN. JAR. D. GLENN, of N. C., in relinquishing his office as Adjutant-General, makes the following complimentary tribute to Gov. Holt: "In parting with you, our Commander-in-Chief, I but voice the sentiment of the entire Guard when I say it is with sincere regret. You have ever been a true friend to the Guard. Not only have you done everything in your power to advance its interests while Commander-in-Chief, and, previously, while a member of the Legislature during several sessions, but back in the past, when the Guard received no assistance whatever from the State, you, as a private citizen, paid the expenses of an entire encampment out of your own private purse. Such friendship and generosity will never be forgotten, but will be handed down as long as there shall be a State Guard."

Gen. Glenn in his annual report for 1897 states that one of his first aims in assuming office in 1895 was to get the Guard properly uniformed, which previously it was not, some companies having only a fatigue dress and others only full dress. The whole Guard is now supplied with a regulation uniform, both full dress and fatigue. Gen. Glenn advocates the minimum standard from 32 to 40 men.

The State Guard now consists of 32 companies of infantry organized into four regiments, two unattached companies of infantry, of which one is colored, one troop of cavalry, and five divisions of naval artillery organized into a battalion, numbering in the aggregate (including officers of the staff departments) 2,036 officers and men. This is an increase of 450 over the number reported in 1891. The Guard to-day, for service, discipline and general usefulness is in better condition than ever known in the history of the State.

"I believe the day has come," says Gen. Glenn, "when the State sees the importance of having the arm of the Executive strengthened by having a well organized militia. While I am glad to say in our own State we have not had to call upon the Guard except in a few instances, when they responded most cheerfully and their very presence prevented further trouble, still in other States during the current year the necessity and usefulness of the Guard has been constantly shown, and in every instance the Governor of the State has been able to restore order by use of the military of his own State without having to call on the United States Government for assistance, as they have frequently heretofore had to do. The day of demagogues and small politicians who have tried to ride into power by ridiculing the usefulness of the Guard is past. They have been buried in oblivion, where it is hoped they will ever remain, and I sincerely hope the present General Assembly, composed of men who have defended the Guard from slanderous attacks, will now enact such legislation as will properly recognize the value of the Guard and somewhat compensate them for services rendered. The interest manifested in the Naval Reserve is still on the increase. There are five divisions located in the largest towns in the State, four of which are convenient to deep water. The Secretary of the Navy has loaned two breechloading 3 in. rifles and has promised cutters, and it is hoped, will be able to get a monitor, to be kept at Newbern or Wilmington."

The annual encampment of 1897 is most favorably commented on, needed improvements are advocated, regimental encampments are favored. In closing his four years' term of office, Gen. Glenn thanks his brother officers for their uniform kindness and courtesy.

It is desired, as soon as possible, to complete the equipment of overcoats and leggings, with the addition of a good, serviceable, double-blanket and rubber poncho to each man, as these articles are greatly needed when the men are upon active duty.

NAVAL BATTALIONS.

New York.—The first battalion, Comdr. Miller, took part in the ceremonies attending the raising of the American flag on the steamship City of New York on Feb. 22. Commissioned officers were detailed as follows: Lieut. Forsberg, in charge of officers' guard to receive the President of the U. S.; Lieut. Greene, special aide to the President of the U. S.; Lieut. Duncan, special aide to the Secretary of the Navy; Lieut. Stanton, special aide to the Governor of the State of New York; Lt.-Comdr. Wright, special aide to the Governor of Pennsylvania. Commanding officers of divisions have been ordered to detail their junior officers, as per

the ship's organization, to inspect the New York and make a report in writing, within ten days, as to the possibility of fitting the steamer with torpedoes, ordnance, etc.

Pennsylvania.—Lt.-Comdr. Wright, with a detail of officers and men of his battalion, united with the New York battalion in taking part in the flag raising on the S. S. City of New York on Feb. 22.

Illinois.—A bill to create two battalions of the Naval Reserve before the Illinois Legislature and its passage is expected as it makes no appropriation. A provisional battalion has already been formed in Chicago with the following officers: Lieut.-Comdr. E. M. Stedman, commanding; Lieut. Le Roy T. Steward, adjutant and executive officer; Lieut. F. S. Bassett, ordnance officer; Horatio L. Waite, paymaster; A. M. Jones, surgeon; James Nevins Hyde, assistant surgeon. In the first company or division the officers are Lieuts. B. M. Shaffner, W. M. Robinson and Ensign F. K. Scheraga. In the second, Lieuts. Edward H. Harrison, A. C. Parsons and Ensign J. A. Ubbell, Jr. The House Committee unanimously reported the bill after remarks by Mr. Shaffner, in the course of which he said: "It is intended to create two battalions of naval reserve in Illinois, one to be organized on the boundary along Lake Michigan, the other on the opposite boundary. Senator Cullom has promised to secure the transfer of the warship Illinois, which was equipped at a cost of \$150,000, to Lake Michigan for the Naval Militia. The Government also appropriates \$50,000 a year to be divided pro rata among States organizing such battalions." He referred to the superiority of the Canadian armament over that of the United States and said: "We should be prepared for the unexpected at all times, and while there are many vessels that could be utilized in case of need, we must drill men and officers to man them for fighting purposes and with modern weapons beforehand."

COMING EVENTS.

We have received notification of the following:

Feb. 25.—Concert of Co. D, 23d N. Y.
Feb. 28.—Review of Naval Battalion, at South Armory, Boston, Mass.
Feb. 28.—Production of H. M. S. Pinafore at Manhattan Athletic Club Theatre, by Co. C, 23d N. Y.
March 9.—Ball, Co. B, 9th N. Y., at Lyric Hall.
March 11.—Review of 23d N. Y., at armory.
March 13.—Competition in signaling, 2d Brigade, N. Y., Signal Corps.
March 17.—Ball of Co. A, 69th N. Y., at Tammany Hall.
March 22.—Review of 13th N. Y., at armory.
April 1.—Athletic games, 23d N. Y., at armory.
April 10.—Athletic games, 12th N. Y.
April 12, 13, 14.—Production of "Dust," at Berkeley Lyceum, by Co. H, 7th N. Y.
April 24.—Review of 18th N. Y., at armory.

VARIOUS.

Co. H, 23d N. Y., Capt. Stokes, are making preparations to give a minstrel show.

2d Lieut. W. L. Hazen, Co. B, 71st N. Y., on Feb. 21, was unanimously elected 1st Lieutenant.

The 2d Brigade, N. Y., Signal Corps, will hold a competition in visual signaling on March 13.

The marksmen of the 23d N. Y., and the officers and men entitled to 100 per cent. medals for 1897, will parade at the armory for the presentation of the same, and review by Gen. McLeer on Saturday evening, March 11.

Maj.-Gen. Josiah Porter, Adjutant-General, has been appointed chief of the New York Division in the civic parade attendant with the inauguration ceremonies at Washington on March 4. He will select his staff principally from officers of the N. Y. Guard.

The competitive drill for the Gruger Trophy between Companies C, Capt. Seiter, and H, Capt. Content, will be held at the armory Thursday March 5. The Judges are Capt. N. B. Thurston, 23d N. Y., Capt. W. C. Fisk, 7th N. Y., and Lieut. E. E. Hardie, U. S. A.

A committee of the New Jersey Senate, consisting of Senators Keyes, Marsh and Rogers, is making an investigation into the troubles which have existed in the 1st Brigade of the New Jersey National Guard since Maj.-Gen. Piumo, of Newark, reorganized the brigade last May.

The 7th N. Y., Col. Appleton, will leave New York, Friday March 3, via the Pennsylvania R. R., for Washington to take part in the inaugural parade. They will leave Washington on return to N. Y., Sunday, March 5, about 6 p. m. The Veterans Club of the regiment will soon be in a new home, having decided to take two houses directly opposite their headquarters. The veterans of Co. I, Capt. Harper, will give a dinner at Hotel Brunswick, on March 7.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Mail and Express, is sued a card prescribing some "Duties of a Soldier," which many of the uniformed would naturally assume originated with them. Such is not the fact, however, as the card in question reproduces verbatim the "ten commandments," written by Capt. N. B. Thurston, 23d N. Y., and issued in printed form to his company several months ago. It would have been only just on the part of our contemporary to have given the proper credit.

RETIREMENTS IN THE INFANTRY.

A statement of retirement of infantry field officers and captains, Jan. 1, 1898:

	Present Grade.				Retiring grade.			
	Col.	Lt.-Col.	Maj.	Capt.	Col.	Lt.-Col.	Maj.	Capt.
1898	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
1894	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
1895	3	—	—	3	3	—	—	3
1896	1	2	—	3	3	—	—	3
1897	1	2	1	6	2	1	2	5
1898	4	2	—	6	5	1	—	6
1899	4	1	1	5	5	1	—	5
1900	3	—	4	14	3	5	3	11
1901	2	4	3	10	7	3	1	8
1902	1	4	2	11	6	3	3	4
1903	2	2	1	12	5	4	4	4
1904	1	3	3	20	11	6	5	5
1905	—	1	4	14	11	2	2	4
1906	1	3	—	21	13	8	3	1
1907	—	1	3	21	20	5	—	—
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BIRTHS.

KIRBY.—At Fort Marcy, N. M., Feb. 14, to the wife of Lieutenant H. Kirby, 10th U. S. Infantry, a daughter.

DIED.

BEAUREGARD.—At New Orleans, La., Feb. 20, General PIERRE GUSTAVE TOUTANT BEAUREGARD, formerly Captain, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

BECKER.—Suddenly, at Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 21, Ordnance Sergeant JOHN BECKER, U. S. Army, retired.

CASE.—At Washington, D. C., Feb. 17, Rear Admiral AUGUSTUS LUTHER CASE, U. S. Navy, retired.

HAMBRIGHT.—At Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 19, Major HENRY AUGUSTUS HAMBRIGHT, U. S. Army, retired.

KEARNEY.—At the Windsor Hotel, New York City, Feb. 26, JAMES READE KEARNEY, brother of the late General Philip Kearney, U. S. A.

MCCULLOUGH.—Feb. 9, at the residence of her son-in-law, Captain S. L. Breese, U. S. Navy, Mrs. CATHERINE R. MCCULLOUGH, widow of the Rev. J. W. McCullough, D. D., formerly rector of Trinity Church, Wilmington, Del.

MELVILLE.—Suddenly, at Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, WM. H. MELVILLE, of the State Geological Department, brother of Chief Engineer George W. Melville, U. S. Navy.

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